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JET BOMB PLOTTERS 'FREE IN WEEKS'

EXCLUSIVE
by RICKY FREELOVE

THREE terrorists who plotted to kill thousands by blowing up planes with liquid bombs could be free in weeks after launching parole bids.

Al-Qaeda trio Waheed Zaman, Arafat Waheed Khan and Ibrahim Savant, all of London, were jailed for life in 2010.

Their 2006 plot was foiled by cops and MI5. It led to the biggest clamp-down in aviation history and the 100ml rule.

Reform UK's Zia Yusuf said: "People will be appalled they could be back on our streets."

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Plot . . . Khan, Zaman, Savant

- **Al-Qaeda terrorists up for parole**
- **Massacre bid changed air travel**

Raye and the Oscar winner

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AS BURNHAM RETURNS FROM HOLS..

ON-TOUR PM SUBS IN OLD KEIR POLICY

Old idea . . . Burnham

ANDY Burnham will kick off his cost-of-living tour tomorrow with a reheated pledge first announced by Labour in 2023.

The PM is promising to end so-called subscription traps that lure customers into costly and hard-to-cancel online plans for the likes of streaming services.

Back from his holiday, Mr Burnham will accuse Westminster of "telling people that everyday hassles like this are just part of life" for too long.

By JACK ELSOM, Political Editor

But the crackdown on subscription traps was first unveiled by Sir Keir Starmer three years ago and started in April before his resignation.

It will force companies to give customers clearer information when subscriptions are automatically renewed at a higher cost, and impose a 14-day cooling-off period allowing them to cancel after a trial.

Like Sir Keir – who was seen playing football yesterday in an Arsenal strip – Mr Burnham claims this will save an average £14 a month for every unwanted subscription, ending an estimated total of £1.6billion a year being wasted.

The only difference in the cut-and-paste policy appears to be the PM bringing forward the date from spring next year to January.

Mr Burnham is also announcing plans to end rip-off discounts whereby sellers deliberately raise their prices before slashing them to give the impression of a bargain.

He will launch a consultation to see whether such practices should be banned by law.

Tory Shadow Chancellor Sir Mel Stride said: "Burnham has already run out of ideas.

"Labour's tax hikes have sent costs soaring for hardworking families and destroyed jobs.

"Consultations and reheated measures won't make up for that."

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Playing footie . . Keir

Anger at 2030 ban on petrol

EXCLUSIVE
by JACK ELSOM

THE Tories attacked Andy Burnham for sticking with the 2030 ban on new petrol and diesel cars.

The electric vehicle industry is to get £65million to help phase out fossil fuel motors despite a Net Zero backlash.

Officials say it will support thousands of jobs.

But Shadow Transport Secretary Richard Holden said: "Labour are ploughing on with a policy that car makers publicly and privately have labelled existential for the sector."

Industry Minister Blair McDougall hit back: "We're determined to ensure the next generation of vehicles are designed and built here."

Placard . . Barnham yesterday

Migrant demo at RAF site

By JULIA ATHERLEY

DOZENS of protesters yesterday gathered outside a former RAF base which could house male asylum seekers.

Union and St George's cross flags were flown outside Barnham, Suffolk.

Placards read, "Barnham says 'No'. Protect our community". Reform UK councillor Scott Hussey gave a speech.

Police said they attended to support the lawful right to protest while ensuring public safety.

The Home Office said the site was being assessed but plans would be subject to planning permission and approvals.

Yesterday's demo followed anti-immigration disorder last week just two miles away in Thetford, Norfolk.

TOTS' DINGHY PERIL

Pictures: IoANNIS ALEXOPOULOS/LNP

Risks . . baby hauled aboard for crossing without life jacket

By ZARA QURESHI

A BABY and other young children are hoisted on to dinghies in France ahead of making the perilous journey across the Channel to Britain.

Two tots without life jackets were hauled aboard in Ecault, just south of Boulogne. Another, *below*, was pulled on nine miles away at Camiers.

Some had made 50-mile journeys in pushchairs via three buses and a train from the migrant camp at Loon-Plage.

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Contract 'stitch-up'

LABOUR'S new procurement rules have hidden requirements on bosses to appease militant trade unions, the Tories claim.

Under Andy Burnham's policy, UK suppliers will be prioritised for government contracts based on their "social value".

But the Tories say it saddles businesses with demands to give staff "progressive" pay packages, which they brand a backdoor to flexible working. MP Alex Burghart said: "Labour are rolling out a trade union checklist of anti-growth policies that burden businesses with more costs."

A Government spokesperson said: "These changes are focused on delivering British jobs."

Sun WEATHER

TODAY: Cloudy across Northern and Central England with sunny intervals in the East. Southern regions enjoy sunny spells with light winds.

TONIGHT: Cloudy in North and East England. Fair in West and Midlands. Clear skies in South-West. Mostly dry overnight.

OUTLOOK: On Tuesday, sunny skies across England with warm temperatures rising. Wednesday sees mostly sunny conditions, staying warm with light winds.

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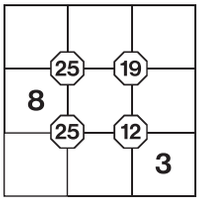

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

REALITY star **KYLIE JENNER**, **29**, *left*, acting's **ANTONIO BANDERAS**, **66**, *right*, **BRENTON THWAITES**, **37**, and **ROSANNA ARQUETTE**, **67**, telly gardener **CHARLIE DIMMOCK**, **60**, former Manchester United midfielder **ROY KEANE**, **55**.

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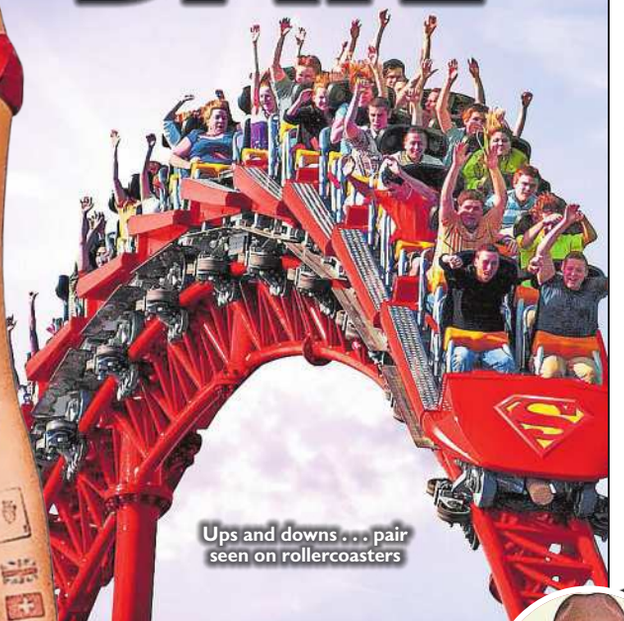
ROLLERCOASTER ROMANCE

RAYE'S SINNER DATE

Looking for love . . singer Raye, 28



Ups and downs . . . pair seen on rollercoasters

Brit superstar & Oscar winner Michael B Jordan spark rumours at U.S. theme park

By HOWELL DAVIES

BRIT singer Raye enjoyed an exhilarating date with Oscar-winning actor Michael B Jordan at a theme park.

Raye, 28, went on a couple of rides with the Sinners and Black Panther star, 39.

Punters at Six Flags Magic Mountain near LA saw the pair chatting and laughing, sparking speculation they are dating.

They rode one of the world's tallest rollercoasters, the 72-metre Goliath, which hits speeds of up to 85mph, as well as the 62mph Tatsu.

South Londoner Raye, whose real name is Rachel Keen, is rumoured to have previously dated rapper Drake and producer Fred Again.

California-born Michael had an 18-month romance with actress and model Lori Harvey, which ended in 2022.

In March, Raye revealed she is refusing to start work on her next studio album until she finds a partner she loves.

She said: "My third album is going to be called And Then She Fell In Love, and I'm not going to write a single song of that album, not one song is getting written, until I fall in love.

"Because it's enough 'I'm single,' 'This guy done me wrong,' 'This sucks about this and that,' songs. I'm tired of writing songs like that. The end."

A rep for the star did not respond when approached for comment.

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Star . . Michael and, inset, in film Sinners

Picture: GETTY IMAGES

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TERROR CONSPIRACY THAT

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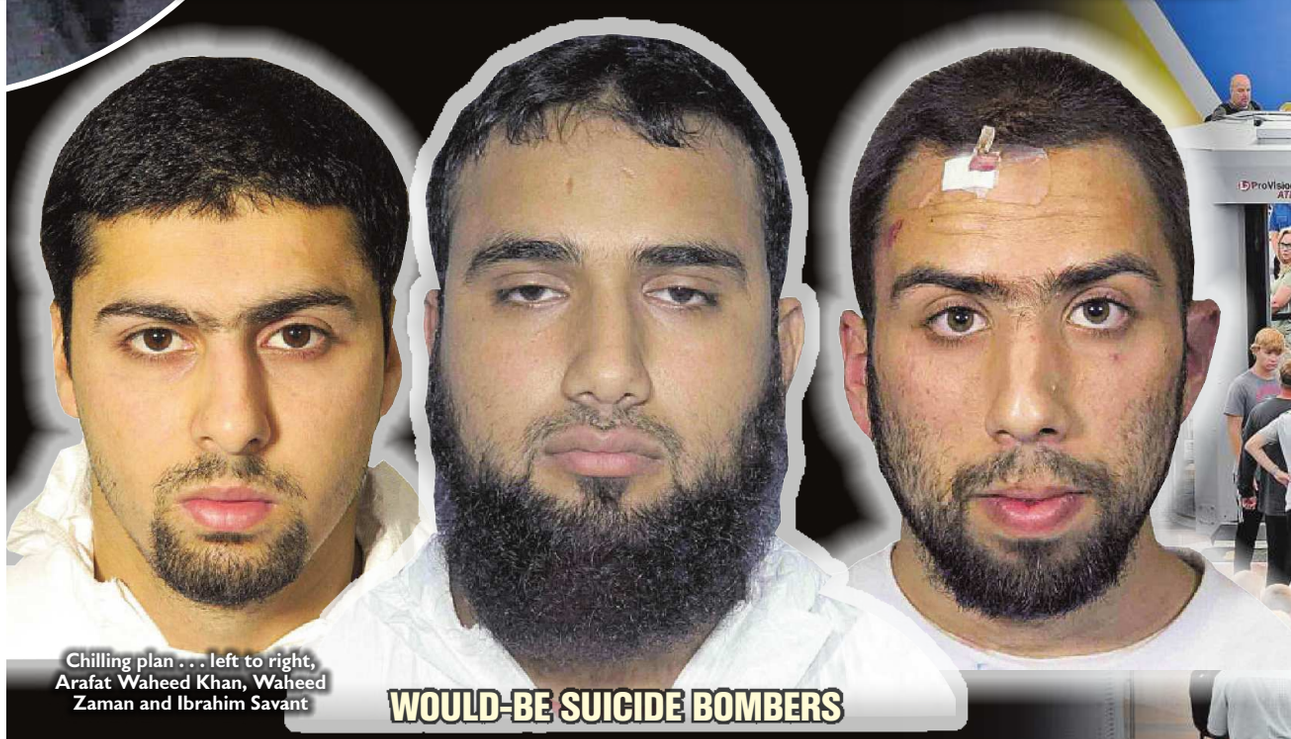
Waheed Zaman in video

They plotted ...now they're



Chilling plan . . . left to right, Arafat Waheed Khan, Waheed Zaman and Ibrahim Savant

WOULD-BE SUICIDE BOMBERS

AL-QAEDA LIFERS SEEK PAROLE

BOMB BID LED TO BOTTLE BAN

EXCLUSIVE by RICKY FREELOVE

THREE terrorists who plotted to kill thousands aboard transatlantic jets have caused outrage by trying to be freed back on to our streets.

Their 2006 al-Qaeda-inspired plan to hide liquid explosives in drinks bottles changed air travel around the world.

It also sparked airport chaos, cost airlines millions and ultimately forced the aviation industry to invest in sophisticated new scanners.

All three, who are British citizens of Pakistani descent, are now eligible to ask the Parole Board to decide whether the danger they once represented can safely be managed outside prison.

They were sentenced to life with a minimum of 20 years after a jury heard they recorded chilling "martyrdom videos" in preparation for suicide attacks.

Ibrahim Savant, of Stoke Newington, North London, Arafat Waheed Khan and Waheed Zaman, both of Walthamstow, East London, were recruited by Abdulla Ahmed Ali.

Zaman has a Parole Board hearing listed for September 7. Khan's case will be considered on September 21, while Savant is due before the board on November 12.

If the Parole Board considers them rehabilitated they could be freed by Christmas.

Reform UK's home affairs spokesperson Zia Yusuf said last night: "The public will be rightly appalled that these appalling individuals could soon be back on our streets.

"Our justice system is fundamentally broken when people convicted of conspiracy to commit mass murder on such a terrifying scale are even considered for release. They should be locked up for life."

Tory Shadow Justice Secretary Nick Timothy added: "It's unconscionable that Islamist terrorists – who planned to blow up planes, killing hundreds of innocent civilians – should be let out of prison.

"If they are, the public will rightly be outraged."

Police moved against the plotters on August 10, 2006, amid fears that an attack could be imminent.

The UK terror threat level was raised to "critical" and normal hand luggage was initially banned from flights leaving British airports.

Thousands of passengers were caught in huge queues in the peak summer holiday season. British Airways cancelled 1,280 flights in eight days and later estimated that the disruption had cost it £40million. The conspirators planned to manufacture bombs using liquid explosives which could be concealed inside bottles of drinks including Oasis and Lucozade. The main charges were to contain hydrogen peroxide and other chemicals capable of producing the highly unstable explosive TATP.

100ml rule . . . plot led to mini toiletries and clear carry bags

Small detonators fashioned using components from disposable cameras could then have been used to trigger explosions in mid-air.

Within months, restrictions were introduced limiting liquids in hand luggage to containers of no more than 100ml, which had to be presented for security screening inside transparent one-litre plastic bags.

Bottles of water were routinely surrendered at airport security.

Shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, perfume, suncream and cosmetics were decanted into tiny containers.

The annoying and time-consuming process became as familiar to holidaymakers as passports and boarding cards.

Manufacturers and retailers responded with travel-sized toiletries, while passengers also bought empty 100ml bottles and transparent security bags.

The global market for such items is now valued at £5.7billion.

Airports have since spent millions installing CT security scanners capable of detecting liquid explosives technology, which is finally allowing some of the restrictions to be relaxed.

Yet the scale of the atrocity which prompted them could have been almost unimaginable.

The plot centred on plans to destroy multiple passenger aircraft travelling simultaneously from Britain to the US and Canada. Flights from Heathrow to San Francisco, Toronto, Montreal, Chicago, Washington DC and New York were among those considered.

Investigators discovered discussions involving an operation which could potentially have used up to 18 suicide bombers.

Six suspects recorded martyrdom videos denouncing the West and explaining their willingness to die.

The recordings were intended to be distributed by al-Qaeda supporters after the attacks.

At the centre of the conspiracy was Abdulla Ahmed Ali.

Ali and fellow plotters Assad Sarwar and Tanvir Hussain were eventually convicted of conspiring

CHANGED FLIGHT SECURITY

to kill thousands plotting release

Tiny detonators aimed to trigger unstable liquid chemicals inside bottles

specifically to murder passengers by detonating liquid bombs aboard transatlantic aircraft.

Ali was sentenced to life with a minimum term of 40 years.

Sarwar received a minimum of 36 years and Hussain 32 years.

Another conspirator, Umar Islam, was convicted of conspiracy to murder and sentenced to life with a minimum term of 22 years.

But bringing Savant, Khan and Zaman to justice proved considerably more complicated.

They were cleared of conspiring specifically to blow up aircraft after prosecutors failed to prove they knew the intended targets of the suicide operation were airliners. But the Crown argued that the evidence nevertheless showed each had committed himself to taking part in a murderous suicide attack.

Then-Director of Public Prosecutions Sir Keir Starmer authorised the exceptional step of seeking another trial after deciding there remained a realistic prospect of conviction.

In 2010 a third jury convicted all three of conspiracy to murder.

Jailing the trio for life, Mr Justice Holroyde told them: "Each of you agreed to join with others in this conspiracy, with each of you intending that you would kill members of the general public and yourselves by acting as a suicide bomber."

The three are now eligible to ask the Parole Board to decide if the danger they once represented can safely be managed outside prison.

But Ghaffar Hussain, a former counter-terror officer on the Government's Prevent programme, told The Sun: "For terrorists who intended on killing hundreds of innocent people, life sentences should mean lifelong imprisonment.

"Threat assessment with such individuals is notoriously difficult and released terrorists have reoffended before. We need to be very careful."

The Parole Board said: "Reviews are undertaken thoroughly and with extreme care. Protecting the public is our number one priority."

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7 JAILED AND 24 HELD OVER PLOT

A TOTAL of 24 suspects were arrested when police smashed the liquid bomb plot in August 2006 following a huge surveillance operation.

Seven men were ultimately convicted over the conspiracy after four years of trials and retrials.

Three were found guilty of the specific plot to blow up transatlantic airliners. Four, including the trio now in line for parole, were convicted of the wider conspiracy to murder.

Discussions . . . Farage

Nigel's El Salvador foreigner jail move

EXCLUSIVE by JACK ELSOM

NIGEL Farage has opened talks with El Salvador on deporting all foreign criminals to its jails if he becomes PM.

A Reform UK delegation led by chairman Lee Anderson will visit the central American country later this year for feasibility discussions with its government.

Party leader Mr Farage will today announce plans to deport around 10,000 foreign lags to free up space. Donald Trump struck a similar deal for the US with El Salvador.

PM Andy Burnham is facing huge pressure over the early release scheme that will see thousands of cons freed after just a third of their sentences.

Mr Farage will today also promise to build pop-up "Nightingale prisons" to create 12,000 more places. And he will vow to stop dangerous lags benefitting from the early release scheme and reintroduce short sentences for shoplifters.

The Ministry of Justice said jails risk "reaching capacity and collapsing".

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PM 'can't keep PC killers in'

By JULIA ATHERLEY

THE PM has been warned it would be impossible to exempt PC Andrew Harper's killers from being released early, it was reported last night.

Andy Burnham is considering blocking all lags from early release if they killed emergency workers.

But officials are said to have told him it would be "a complete non-starter" to exempt PC Harper's killers Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole.

It would risk a successful legal challenge as there is no specific offence for manslaughter of an emergency worker.

A source told The Times: "It's impossible. There's no way to make an exception without extending it to all convicted of manslaughter – and there are hundreds."

A petition calling for the pair to stay in jail has 866,000 signatures. The Ministry of Justice said: "We share the anger of the police community."

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Aldi price and packaging correct as of 07/08/26. British Beef Quarter Pounders 454g, £2.89, £6.37 per kg. Village Bakery White Rolls 6 pack, 45p, 7.5p each. Nature's Pick Baby Leaf Salad 90g, 65p, £7.22 per kg. Bramwells Tomato Ketchup 550g, 89p, £1.62 per kg. Everyday Essentials Cheesy Singles 255g, 83p, £3.69 per kg. Subject to availability. Photography shows serving suggestion. Product packaging and prices may vary in store, Scotland, Wales, Aldi Local and online.

STRICTLY STAR MOVED OUT

Split . . . Sun on Saturday

DANCING DUO
Then-married Ola and James pictured in 2013

Picture: CLICK NEWS AND MEDIA

Love-split James has lived solo for months

SEPARATION FROM WIFE OLA AS HE 'NEEDED SPACE'

EXCLUSIVE
by ELLIE HENMAN

FORMER Strictly pro James Jordan secretly lived apart from his wife Ola for months prior to their split.

Pals said he moved into a flat earlier this year close to the five-bedroom house the dancers once shared.

James, 48, is said to have "needed space" as he and Ola, 43, embarked on a trial separation after 22 years of marriage.

A source explained: "It was James's decision to move out, he needed some space. It happened months ago. He has been holed up in a small flat in Kent.

"These past few months have been tough for James but he is trying to keep moving forward. Ola has been supporting him as best she can but their decision to end their marriage has been incredibly difficult for both of them."

James was photographed looking downcast as he walked close to his flat last week, minus his wedding ring.

We revealed on Saturday how the couple, who have not been photographed together since last year, had split.

James, originally from Gillingham, and Polish-born Ola, who have a daughter, Ella, then released a joint statement confirming their break-up.

It read: "We're taking some time apart as we work through very difficult personal challenges.

"James moved out of the family home some time ago. This has been an incredibly painful and emotional journey for us both and it certainly wasn't an easy decision."

It said James's mental health "hasn't been in a good place for quite some time". James added: "I've been struggling more than I've let people see and I'm taking the time I need to focus on getting myself into a healthier place, both for myself and for Ella.

"Neither of us is in a good place right now. We're both doing our best to navigate one of the hardest chapters of our lives."

James and Ola both joined Strictly in 2006. James quit in 2013, with Ola leaving two years later, after winning the trophy in 2009 with Chris Hollins.

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Downcast . . . James near his flat last week

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KINAHAN MOB BOSS BACK TO FACE JUSTICE

Kinahan . . & driven from court

FUGITIVE Daniel Kinahan arrived at court under armed guard last night after being hauled back to Ireland.

The alleged crime boss, 49, was flown from Dubai to a Dublin military base after a decade on the run.

Ireland's most-wanted was

By LAUREN UTTLEY

then driven in a convoy of vehicles to the city's Special Criminal Court, with three judges sitting and no jury.

Kinahan – accused of directing activities of a criminal organisation between October 2015 and April 2017 – did not have legal representation and was remanded in custody until October 5. The Irish government staged one of its biggest security operations ever to bring him to court, including using decoy vans and roof snipers.

Ahead of the extradition mission, Kinahan left a voice-note insisting any future injury to him or death in custody would not be by his own hand.

He was arrested in the UAE in April after investigators linked his cartel to oil tankers shipping Iranian crude to China, in violation of US sanctions. Kinahan is now due to be held at Portlaoise Prison – a fortress-like facility located in the Irish Midlands for powerful crime gangs – as he awaits trial, likely next year.

He will be in a segregated cell to cut him off from the outside, with signal jammers blocking communication. Calls will be strictly screened and he will be allowed few visitors.

By FELIX MARSHALL

PRINCESS Beatrice celebrates her birthday with a gushing tribute and photos from her husband Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi.

Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor's eldest child turned 38 on Saturday. Edoardo, who has two daughters with Beatrice, wrote: "Happy Birthday to my phenomenal, beautiful wife. We love so much. You make our world".

It comes days after Bea's sister Eugenie, 36, gave birth to a girl, her third child.

Together . . in one of his photo tributes

Golf . . . Prez yesterday

Israel 'no' to Trump Gaza exit

By ROBIN PERRIE
Chief Foreign Correspondent

ISRAEL yesterday rejected Donald Trump's latest peace plan for Gaza in a dispute over the disarming of terror group Hamas.

The US President – spotted playing golf yesterday – had hailed the 15-point plan as a "monumental step toward lasting peace and security".

It involved Hamas disarming in return for Israel withdrawing its troops from the Strip.

But Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu bluntly rejected it – insisting Hamas had to lay down its guns first.

He said: "Israel rejects the 15-point document," adding his nation "won't withdraw until Hamas is genuinely disarmed".

His comments are a further blow to Mr Trump's attempts to secure peace in Gaza, nearly a year since his first plan was announced.

Arrows stranded

THE Red Arrows have had to pull out of three UK displays because they are stranded in the US.

The RAF's aerobatics display team has been in the States on a summer tour, which included a fly-past for the country's 250th anniversary.

But a spokesman has blamed its delayed return on "a prolonged period of poor weather".

A flypast on Sunday at Lyme Regis, Dorset, is among events hit. Mayor Philip Evans said he was distraught at the news.

The team has also withdrawn from this week's Eastbourne International Airshow and Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on Saturday.

Pregnant sack fail

A WOMAN claiming pregnancy discrimination did not attend an employment tribunal – because she was pregnant again.

Denise Williams says she was fired by a consultancy in October 2023 after falling pregnant. She gave birth in July 2024.

A hearing was set for March this year. She did not attend as it was days before another baby was due. But she only told the panel the day before and did not provide dates of her 2023 pregnancy.

Her firing claims were thrown out by the Cambridge tribunal.

COST OF LIFTING

Pricey fashion house Balenciaga is selling two 2.5kg dumbbells – made from steel with calfskin handles – for £1,350.

UNSEEN CCTV PICS RELEASED

Tragedy . . . Sun's Liam front

By AMIR RAZAVI

ONE Direction star Liam Payne is seen in CCTV images just an hour before his balcony fall death.

The singer, 31, looks hollow-eyed in black and white footage from the hotel where he died after bingeing on drugs and booze.

In one shot, taken earlier the same day, he can be seen swinging on a pole outside at 3.21am while waiting for hotel worker Ezequiel David Pereyra to allegedly bring him drugs.

Others show him talking to two sex workers at the hotel after calling one and asking her to bring cocaine.

The shots are among 3,000 case files from the investigation into the star's death in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 16, 2024. He plunged 46ft from his room at 5.07pm.

A source close to the probe says the "highly significant" pole picture shows Liam's upper-body strength, sparking a new theory that he may have died while trying to climb out of his hotel room.

Other pictures show his palm prints on the balcony glass, which appear to show his fingers slid.

Liam had thrown a duffel bag over the balcony before reportedly trying to climb down. A source said: "When you see the image of him swinging around the pole, with his body at a 90-degree angle to the ground, you see how strong he is.

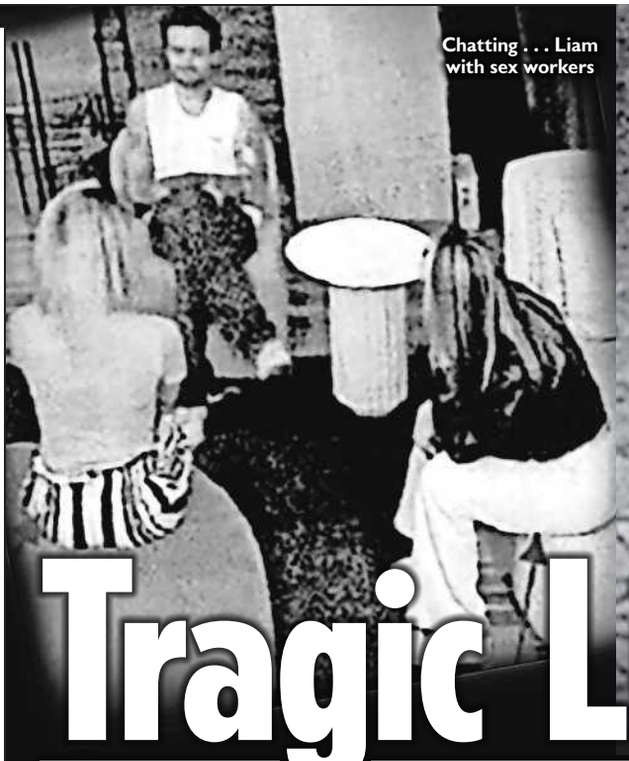
"His bodyguard told us he had escaped out of hotel windows before.

"The palm prints show he may have climbed over the railing and tried to use his strength to drop on to the second-floor balcony. Maybe he thought he could swing down to the second floor, then safely to the ground?"

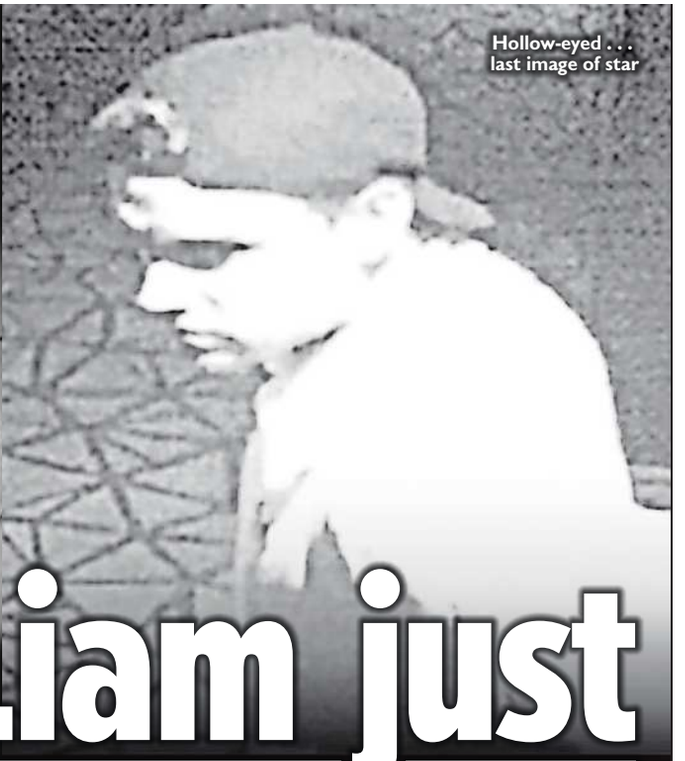
Liam's dad Geoff has dismissed cops' claims that it was a "possible suicide".

Pereyra and a local waiter face trial over his alleged drug supply.

Strength . . . star's pole stunt

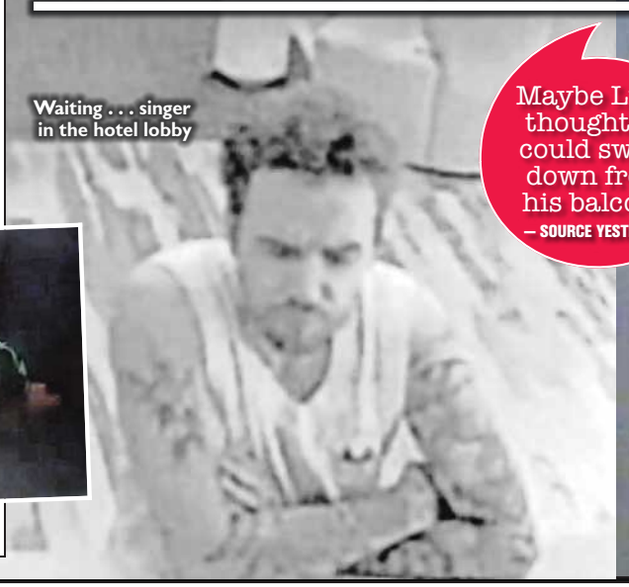


Chatting . . . Liam with sex workers



Hollow-eyed . . . last image of star

Tragic Liam just 1 hour before he fell to his death



Waiting . . . singer in the hotel lobby

Maybe Liam thought he could swing down from his balcony — SOURCE YESTERDAY

Visit . . . women go to his room

Sex phobia gave me a 24hr panic attack

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Too dangerous

IT could have been the worst mass murder in criminal history.

A gang of Islamist terrorists plotted to blow ten passenger jets out of the sky with liquid explosives smuggled through Heathrow disguised in hand luggage as drinks, shampoo and toothpaste.

Had the plot succeeded, up to 10,000 innocent people could have been killed – three times the death toll of the 9/11 attacks on New York's Twin Towers.

Britain was spared that unimaginable slaughter thanks to the bravery, skill and ingenuity of MI5 and the police, who smashed the conspiracy just days before the planned attacks.

But three of the men convicted of conspiracy to murder – Waheed Zaman, Ibrahim Savant and Arafat Waheed Khan – could soon be eligible for parole after serving 20 years of their life terms.

These were not misguided young men caught up in some minor offence. They were convicted of planning mass murder on an appalling scale. All three recorded "martyrdom" videos, intended to be released by al-Qaeda after the attacks.

The British public has had enough of violent criminals being released early while victims and their families are left to live with the consequences.

The Parole Board must not allow pressure to ease prison overcrowding to cloud their cold-headed judgment when considering these cases.

Some prisoners are just too dangerous to release. These terrorists should be among them.

Off to prison

BRITAIN'S overcrowded prisons are at breaking point — yet 10,000 foreign lags are taking up scarce places.

Most of them would have been booted out long ago if their home countries had agreed to take them back.

Instead, the Government has been forced to free thousands of offenders early to stop the system collapsing.

So Nigel Farage's idea to ship foreign convicts to serve their sentences 5,500 miles away in the grim jails of El Salvador is worth exploring.

It would end the sickening spectacle of violent crooks being freed halfway through their sentence.

And make foreign visitors think twice about bringing criminal activities to Britain.

Back to work

FRESH back from holiday, Andy Burnham will embark on a cost of living tour tomorrow — and recycle an idea first unveiled by Sir Keir Starmer three years ago.

He will re-announce plans to end "subscription traps" which deliberately make it tricky for people to stop recurring charges after ordering online.

Perhaps when he's delivered his latest "easy win", the PM might find time to turn his mind to more pressing issues.

Like the economy, illegal migration, hospital waiting lists and rebuilding our hollowed-out Armed Forces.

David Wooding

GUEST COLUMNIST

KILLJOY council chiefs want to end the centuries-old tradition of ordering a pint while standing at the bar. They plan to call time on "vertical drinking" by imposing compulsory table service on busy pubs.

But how do the clipboard-wielding party poopers plan to enforce the rule?

Can we expect spot-checks from inspectors using protractors to check the angle at which we are seated?

"Pardon me, sir, but you are leaning at 31 degrees, which is nearly upright.

"I'm going to ask you to sit back in your chair or leave."

What happens if we slouch after feeling worse for wear after two pints?

Or if we have a few too many and find ourselves horizontal?

Well, here's a message for those councils thinking of following the crackdown proposed by the City of Westminster:

British pubs have survived the plague, the Blitz, a smoking ban and the pandemic.

They've even survived the advent of karaoke and won't be beaten by a bunch of meddling jobsworths.

We'll remain on our feet at the bar.

And we won't stand for this nonsense.

PM has hordes of monsters to battle

ANDY BURNHAM'S path to power has been an epic political odyssey.

While other Prime Ministers enjoyed swifter triumphs, his ten-year journey to Downing Street has been plagued by setbacks, detours and outright failure.

Heavily defeated in two Labour leadership contests, he stubbornly refused to give up.

Instead, he retreated 200 miles to Manchester, to build a power base and plot his route back to Westminster.

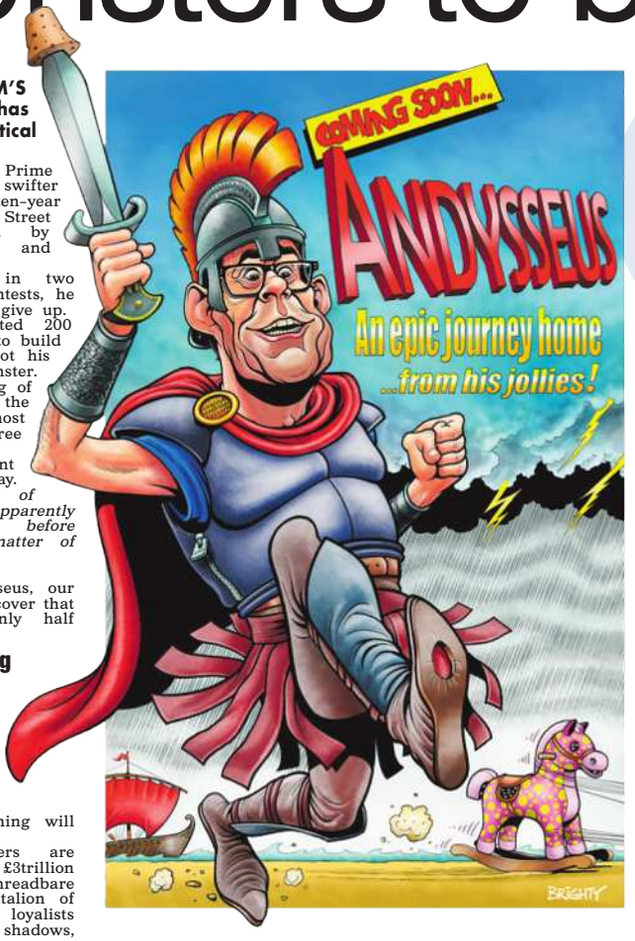
He returned as King of the North to seize the crown in an almost bloodless coup just three weeks ago.

And now? He's spent the last week on holiday.

After a decade of scheming, Burnham apparently needs a breather before tackling the little matter of running the country.

He'll need the rest.

Because, like Odysseus, our new PM will soon discover that getting home is only half the battle.



Hard Left lurking in the shadows

Homer's hero had barely made it back to Ithaca before he was forced to take on a hall full of grasping suitors wooing his wife.

Burnham's homecoming will be no less bruising.

His own monsters are already waiting: a £3trillion mountain of debt, threadbare Armed Forces, a battalion of disgruntled Starmer loyalists and, lurking in the shadows, Labour's hard left.

Fasten your seatbelts. When Parliament returns next month it'll be pure political box office.

Already the problems are piling up for Andysseus.

His biggest challenge is clear: to deliver on his promise to get things done and put "hope in every heart".

Feelgood vibes and instant giveaways, like the £2 cap on bus fares and 86p-a-week cut in energy bills, have given Labour a Burnham bounce and sent expectations sky high.

But soon an impatient public will demand real change – and some already suspect he'll end up like the rest of them: big on promises and short on delivery.

Labour's decision to free thousands of offenders from prison early – including the killers of PC Andrew Harper – is Burnham's first big test.

He raised hopes of an intervention when he "paused" the process.

But anger went off the scale when he claimed he was powerless to halt their release, with 850,000 people signing a protest petition.

Now he's wisely decided to explore other options.

Like Pandora's box, the scheme has released future misery and mayhem, which may soon come back to haunt the PM.

His proud boast of assembling the first Cabinet with more women than men will ring hollow if 9,000 domestic abusers walk free in the next three years. Burnham must resolve this brewing crisis before his next major test in just three weeks – taking on the Mino-Tory.

Kemi Badenoch is gearing up for her first Commons joust with the new PM by watching old videos of his performance at the despatch box. Burnham's at his best when delivering passionate arguments.

But as a minister he lacked the razor-sharp wit and quickfire repartee of top parliamentary gladiators and is easily rattled when put on the spot.

His top team will no doubt put him through his paces when he returns from his sunbed to prepare him for something he has so far avoided: full public scrutiny.

The Conservative leader is bound to challenge him on the real-life Trojan horse: the small boats used by illegal migrants and criminals to enter Britain.

Burnham has promised to be "relentless" in tackling the crisis. Yet 2,000 have made the perilous crossing since he became PM and he cannot allow things to drift as Keir Starmer did.

But his real Achilles' heel is the estimated £96billion in new spending pledges – to build more council houses, fix social care and beef up our Armed Forces.

Where is the money coming from?

Britain is £3trillion in debt. That's £43,000 for every man, woman and child.

But now there's talk in Number 10 North and South about tampering with fiscal rules to allow more borrowing.

Taxpayers already fork out £12million in interest charges every **HOUR**, twice what we spend on defence.

Take the axe to the bloated welfare bill

The market gods will unleash their fury if Burnham dares to borrow more.

His only real options are to break a manifesto pledge not to increase taxes, already at an 80-year high, or to take the axe to the bloated £334billion welfare bill.

Burnham must use his clout to drive through the necessary cuts before his power ebbs away.

He has undoubtedly brought a new air of optimism to government. But after years of economic mayhem and political upheaval, Britain still feels like a ship searching for its Ithaca.

The past four Prime Ministers have promised that home is just beyond the horizon, only for another storm to blow them off course.

Will Burnham's voyage be as treacherous as The Odyssey, or will he steer us to calmer waters?

We'll soon discover whether he's a hit or a myth.

THE Prime Minister's flagship plan to move power out of Westminster is being run by a civil servant . . . from London.

Sam Lister, the new director general of No 10 North, spends four days a week in the Manchester office, clocking up an £800 weekly bill for hotel and rail fares as he commutes from the capital.

And there was me thinking Burnham wanted to improve job opportunities for northerners.

MON AND ONLY

By HOWELL DAVIES

ACTRESS Monica Barbaro looks on the bright side in a neon dress — as she enthuses about actor boyfriend Andrew Garfield.

The US star, 36, who was nominated for an Oscar last year for playing Joan Baez in Bob Dylan biopic A Complete Unknown, wore a Stella McCartney gown for InStyle magazine, *inset*.

Monica has been dating Andrew, 42, since early 2025 and stars opposite him in the upcoming film Artificial, in which he plays OpenAI CEO Sam Altman.

She said: "He's one of the best actors of our generation. I just learned a lot from his approach to the material."

Star Andrew . . . with Monica

Pictures: AMY HARRITY/INSTYLE

Banksy's £150k bill for stunts in capital

By NICK MIAO

BANKSY'S latest stunts in the capital have cost taxpayers almost £150,000 in cleaning bills and security operations.

The elusive artist's costliest creation was his spray-painted mural on the Royal Courts of Justice last September.

A clean-up operation on the Grade II-listed building in central London cost £85,000.

In April, the street artist also claimed responsibility for a Trafalgar Square statue of a man blinded by a flag.

Westminster City Council, which said it had no prior knowledge of the stunt, said it had spent almost £60,000 on safety barriers and a security guard to watch over it.

In August 2024, Banksy painted piranha fish over a City police box that was removed at a cost of £2,200 to be displayed at the London Museum and not replaced.

SIX APPEEL

Sweltering temperatures have spurred a bunch of six bananas to grow on a tree in Pam Woodall's garden in Poole, Dorset.

EXCLUSIVE

Lineker's batch of the day

On me egg, son . . host Lineker discusses food from his kitchen

FOOTIE FOODIE TO HOST NEW COOKERY SHOW

FOOTIE foodie Gary Lineker is looking to whip up a new cookery show — and Jamie Oliver is a frontrunner to host it, sources claim.

The former Match of the Day presenter's production company Goalhanger is said to be eyeing "exciting new formats", including a food programme which could see it take on BBC's MasterChef.

Lineker's company currently produces the hugely successful The Rest Is... series, which covers areas including football, history and politics.

By CLEMMIE MOODIE

A source told The Sun: "Since lockdown Gary has become a massive foodie, and is regularly in the kitchen conjuring up feasts for friends and family.

"Doing a food show has long been his dream, but he didn't know if he could.

"Last week the board held meetings to discuss new formats, and a brilliant new cookery show was front and centre. A few names, including Jamie's, were thrown around, and an ad has now gone up looking for an experienced producer.

"Food content is absolutely massive on TikTok and Instagram, and this would be a natural extension of this – giving people what they want in a new, longer-form way, but with brilliant, hugely clippable moments being pushed online. Everyone is really excited."

However, yesterday a source said Jamie's "incredibly busy schedule" meant he may not be able to host the show, "depending on timings".

Lineker left the BBC last year after an online post deemed to be antisemitic. His The Rest Is Football podcast, with Alan Shearer and Micah Richards, went to Netflix for the World Cup in a reported £14million deal.

Foodie . . Lineker

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Killer nurse . . . Lucy

Doctor A 'to be ID'd if Letby is retried'

EXCLUSIVE by LAUREN UTTLEY

LUCY Letby campaigner David Davis MP says the anonymity order given to a doctor she was infatuated with is likely to be reviewed in the wake of his death.

The Tory politician said it could take place at any future retrial.

The Sun on Sunday revealed the medic, who was referred to in court as Doctor A, died last month after an illness.

Mr Davis said: "I assume the anonymity order will be reviewed in the event of a retrial."

The married registrar had given evidence against nurse Letby during her 2022-23 trial for the murder of seven babies and attempted murder of seven others.

Letby was accused of creating crisis situations to gain his sympathy.

She continues to claim her innocence while serving a whole-life sentence at Bronzefield Prison.

Challenge . . . ministry

Violent thug: Let me back in Britain

By ALEX WEST

A VIOLENT Portuguese offender deported 13 years ago is fighting to be let back into the UK, arguing he has learnt from his mistakes.

Marco David, 47, was jailed for five years in 2009 for wounding and making threats to kill, an asylum court heard.

He was deported to Portugal in 2013 but has launched a human rights challenge to try to return.

The Home Office got the case thrown out but he has successfully appealed to get it reheard.

Upper Tribunal Judge Matthew Hoffman ordered a fresh hearing.

He said the lower tier judge did not "consider whether he posed a genuine, present and sufficiently serious threat".

David came to the UK in 1994 and claims he still has close family ties. He insists he has learnt from his past and has not re-offended in Portugal.

Pictures: SPLASH NEWS

Outing . . Jack, Sasha and Skye

LEADER OF THE JACK

Flash . . . Jack in £209k Lamborghini Urus Performante

By ZARA QURESHI

FOOTBALLER Jack Grealish lets his partner Sasha Attwood take the lead on a brunch date.

The couple, who have a 22-month-old daughter, Mia, were seen leaving a cafe in Alderley Edge, Cheshire, at the weekend with their cockapoo Skye.

England and Manchester City midfielder Jack, 30, then drove off in his £209,000 Lamborghini Urus Performante while Sasha, also 30, left in her £220,000 Aston Martin DBX V8 Auto.

● MARCUS Rashford arrived in Ireland from a party break to the South of France yesterday for pre-season training with Man United. He had a loan spell last season with Barcelona.

See SunSport

Sasha . . . in Aston Martin

STUDY INTO FOOTIE WIVES SAYS..

WAGS SHOULD BE SENT TO THERAPY

FOOTBALL clubs should offer counselling to the wives and girlfriends of players, the first study on Wags concludes.

The likes of Becky Vardy, *left*, and Coleen Rooney, *right*, might need help because of all they deal with, it is claimed.

By NICK MIAO

Researchers at Leeds Beckett University – who spoke to seven women – found that being a Wag could be an "invasive force that could threaten or harm their identity and self-esteem".

The Wags, aged between 23 and 34, told of their struggles to deal with online trolls, other women, and their own partners.

One said: "I know girls who sleep with football players and then take their watches or ask for a payout, so they don't tell their wives." Others told of death threats over their appearance.

Another added: "There's an added pressure of being a partner of a player, 100 per cent."

They all spoke of their own needs having to "take a back seat" for the men.

The researchers found the Wags played a "critical yet under-recognised role in player well-being and performance". However, they said that clubs rarely considered their welfare was important.

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Fight . . . Jake & Chloe

Baby joy dad with cancer in bills plea

By SAM CREED

AN electrician who found out an "ear infection" was a rare cancer – as he also had a new baby – is appealing for help to meet his family's bills.

Jake Watts, 29, was given antibiotics but nothing improved.

But a routine eye test flagged high pressure behind his right eye.

He had an MRI scan which revealed a rare cancer on his skull.

Jake suffered a brain bleed and heart attack before a major op to remove 70 per cent of it.

Amid it all last September, partner Chloe March, 29, gave birth to baby daughter Orla.

With Jake off work undergoing proton beam therapy, the family, from Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, are struggling on Chloe's maternity pay.

Jake has set up a GoFundMe page, saying: "Having our baby through this has made me want to get well."

Smelt a rat . . . Lucy

Disabled mum hit by TikTok chair con

By ZARA QURESHI

SCAMMERS tried to steal thousands of pounds from a disabled mum after spotting her raising money for a new wheelchair on GoFundMe.

They contacted Lucy Gatward, 34, via TikTok, falsely claiming to be from the reputable Lifestyle & Mobility company.

And they told her they could sell her a chair for a bargain £2,500 – if she raised the cash in 14 days.

But Lucy, who needs a chair to go out with her autistic nine-year-old son in Botley, Hants, smelt a rat when the account they provided was not for a business or a charity.

She rang the real Lifestyle & Mobility, who warned her it was a scam tried before. They offered her a chair for £3,000 and she has raised £1,400.

Lucy, who was training to be a paramedic when hit by a Covid-related illness, said: "It's disgusting they target the most vulnerable of society."

RISING STAR DROPS HER DAD'S

By ANNA ROBERTS

IT is one of showbiz's most famous moments – Tom Cruise leaping on a sofa while telling Oprah Winfrey about dating Katie Holmes.

"I'm in love," the Mission: Impossible actor yelled, giddy with excitement as he flailed his arms about.

It was May 2005 and Tom, who divorced fellow Hollywood A-lister Nicole Kidman in 2001, had been dating Dawson's Creek beauty Katie for just a month.

It seemed the love was mutual, with Katie revealing she was taking lessons in Scientology, a controversial religion founded by science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard and beloved by her husband.

"I'm really excited about it," she said, while Tom emphasised: "She makes her own decisions."

And it seemed TomKat, as they were nicknamed, were flourishing. Just 11 months after his dramatic declaration of love, their daughter Suri was born.

Katie and Tom wed in November 2006, but after five and a half years of marriage, she apparently blindsided her husband when she unexpectedly filed for divorce in June 2012 because of Scientology and its impact on her daughter.

And Suri, now 20, appears to have made up her own mind about her dad, dropping his surname in favour of her mum's middle name, Noelle.

The move emerged after she publicly registered to vote in Pennsylvania, where she studies under the alternative name. It is also reported she has been estranged from Tom, 64, since she was ten, while remaining close to Katie, 47, who is no longer a Scientologist.

'A few meltdowns'

Suri, an aspiring actor and drama student, is currently appearing in a re-imagined performance of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. And she seems to have inherited her father's talent for acting, with critics saying the Carnegie Mellon uni student "stole the show".

Journalist Tony Ortega, who has investigated the workings of Scientology for three decades, said of the family breakdown: "When Katie split with Tom, any normal Scientologist would be told she is an SP, a suppressive person – an enemy of the church.

"And Suri, being connected to Katie, would be considered a PTS – potential trouble source.

"Tom would be expected to disconnect from them and not have anything to do with them."

The church says: "A suppressive person (SP) is a person who seeks to suppress other people in their vicinity.

"A suppressive person will goof up or vilify any effort to help anybody and particularly knife with violence anything calculated to make human beings more powerful or more intelligent.

"The suppressive person is also known as the antisocial personality.

"Within this category one finds Napoleon, Hitler, the unrepentant killer and the drug lord.

"But if such are easily spotted, if only from the bodies they leave in their wake, antisocial personalities also commonly exist in current life and often go undetected."

Tom does seem to be in contact with his two other children, Isabella "Bella" Cruise, 33, and Connor Cruise, 31, who are both Scientologists.

Bella and Connor were adopted by Tom and Nicole in 1992 and 1995 respectively.

As youngsters, the pair divided their time between Sydney and Los Angeles, although they also lived in Hertfordshire for three years.

When their parents split up, the stars would initially spend their time between the children.

With dad Tom, they visited Scientology sessions at the church's main hub in Clearwater, Florida, where followers spoke about attaining "spiritual freedom".

In 2004, instead of seeing their mum, they were packed off to a Scientology summer camp.

The next year, they were living full-time with their dad.

In 2019, Bella told in a promotional email for Scientology how she was "drowning in problems" before training as an "auditor" – which is basically a counsellor who helps other believers shed "spiritual distress" using an "E-meter".

The device is similar to a lie detector and delivers low-voltage electricity to the subject.

The email said: "This is what I had been searching for. The missing piece. Thank you to my dad for everything. We all need to do this. Wow. What an accomplishment. It's hard work. It's a lot of effort.

"It's a few meltdowns and running to the bathroom to have a mini-episode, but it is worth everything because you will get through.

'Very mysterious'

"This is a gift to yourself and so many others. It doesn't matter if you aren't going to be an auditor or aren't going to join staff. If you are going to make it as a being for the long run, you need this.

"That's the truth. So stop messing around and get going."

However, despite her support of Scientology, Bella has not stayed living near her dad. Instead, she

FEST DRESSED . . . Suri ready for show and surname on programme, *below*

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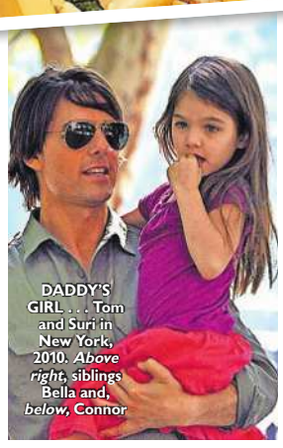
'A suppressive person is a person who seeks to suppress other people in their vicinity. A suppressive person will goof up or vilify any effort to help anybody'
– CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

JUMPING FOR JOY . . . Tom declares his love for Katie on Oprah, 2005



DADDY'S GIRL . . . Tom and Suri in New York, 2010. *Above right*, siblings Bella and, *below*, Connor

SURNAME AS SHE WOWS AT FESTIVAL

SPEECH . . . Tom gives talk at Scientology church in Madrid, 2004

STILL CLOSE . . . Suri takes a stroll with her mum Katie in 2024

‘When Katie split up with Tom, any normal Scientologist would be told she is an SP, a suppressive person. And Suri would be a PTS, potential trouble source’

– TONY ORTEGA, JOURNALIST

Scientologists branded Katie with secret code for ditching Tom...now Suri has cut ties too

has switched the bright lights of Hollywood for the far less glitzy Croydon, South London.

She lives in an ordinary semi-detached house with her British husband, Max Parker, 34, an IT consultant she met through friends and married in 2015.

She works as an artist, selling trendy tote bags and T-shirts with her prints on, and posts Instagram pictures and videos of her artwork and trips to Brighton.

Previously, neighbours told The Sun: “I wouldn’t have known her if she’d come up and smacked me in the face. I don’t keep up with celebrity culture.

“They have a reptile of some kind – we can see the red light of the tank. That’s all anybody seems to know. She’s very mysterious.

“I don’t know why she’s chosen Croydon, poor child!”

Former Scientologist and US actress Leah Remini, 56, wrote a book about her time in the church called Troublemaker: Surviving Hollywood And Scientology.

‘Remain close’

In it, she said she asked Bella if she saw her mum often and claims Bella replied: “Not if I have a choice. Our mom is a f***ing SP.”

Nicole, who left Scientology around the time of her divorce from Tom, has previously said: “I’ve chosen not to speak publicly about Scientology. I have two children who are Scientologists and I utterly respect their beliefs.”

She reiterated this in 2018, saying: “They are able to make their own decisions. They have made choices to be Scientologists, and as a mother it’s my job to love them.”

Bella does follow her half-sister, Sunday Rose, 18 – from Nicole’s marriage to country singer Keith Urban – on Instagram as well as both parents.

However, neither Nicole nor Keith attended Bella’s wedding reception in London, and it’s said she turned down her dad’s offer of a £324,000-a-month rented penthouse when she first moved to the UK capital.

Connor, understood to live near Clearwater, Florida, has been pictured with Tom at various sporting events.

A source told People magazine in 2019: “Connor has been able to remain close with Tom because of Scientology.”

On Instagram, he has shared pictures of him with his father, writing: “Watching the Yankees beat the Dodgers a couple years back with my dad.”

Scientology has two major centres in London, and its UK base is at the Grade II-listed Saint Hill Manor in East Grinstead, West Sussex.

And while Bella is in Croydon, it is unclear if she will travel north to Edinburgh to see her half-sister Suri, who is busy making a name for herself on stage.

DIVISIVE . . . Knox at USA show

KNOX’S FRINGE GIG RAP

By THEA JACOBS

IN 2015, the world was shocked when Amanda Knox was acquitted on appeal of the 2007 murder of roommate Meredith Kercher – after spending four years behind bars.

Now, the controversial American, 39, has launched a comedy show, Cartwheel, at the Edinburgh Fringe.

While she does not joke directly about the killing, she does mock the way she was treated and compares the show’s set to a “crime scene”.

Its title is a nod to the rumour that Knox did cartwheels in a police station after Meredith’s murder. On stage, she quips it was actually the splits, which are “a lot harder”.

SLAIN . . . Meredith

Her 11-night run has been slammed by Meredith’s loved ones and even Knox’s ex-boyfriend and co-defendant Raffaele Sollecito, who was also acquitted.

Of the couple’s infamous kiss outside the apartment where Meredith died in Italy, Knox said: “Even if I had been dry-humping his leg while making awkward eye contact with the lead detective, that would make me in heat, but it wouldn’t have made me a murderer.”

Knox, who now has two kids, also joked that getting pregnant was easy as she is “used to getting screwed”.

And she joked about a prison guard making her watch The Shawshank Redemption – a film about a man wrongly accused of murdering his wife.

Meredith’s sister Stephanie told the BBC: “Meredith wouldn’t find these topics of any comedy value.”

Knox was jailed for 26 years in 2009 after being found guilty of the murder, but was released in 2011 when her conviction was overturned amid DNA evidence concerns.

A further trial in 2014 found her guilty again, before the verdict was finally quashed in 2015 by Italy’s highest court.

Widespread shock at Knox’s show has led to a 39,000-signature petition opposing it.

Sally Alington, Meredith’s friend who launched the campaign, wrote: “This show not only disrespects Meredith’s memory, but risks normalising violence against women.”

The Fringe has defended allowing the show, claiming it is “not afraid of controversy”.

Knox insists it “honours Meredith Kercher’s memory”.

Chiro sex chat rap

A CHIROPRACTOR who joked that he "wasn't gay enough" to be a ballet dancer has been found guilty of misconduct.

Lennox Groves made the comment to an 18-year-old female patient when discussing her ballet hobby last year.

He also asked whether she was a lesbian and spoke about porn.

A tribunal ruled the comments at his practice in Horncastle, Lincs, were unacceptable but issued only an admonishment.

BERRY CLEVER

A seaweed-based coating that keeps strawberries fresh for days without a fridge has been created by researchers in Canada.

NO HOME SUPPORT FOR UNDER-FIRE INFANTINO

Fatcat . . . Fifa boss Infantino

SHAMED footie fatcat Gianni Infantino's local club have refused to back his leadership of Fifa.

Zug 94, based in the luxury Swiss lakeside town where the embattled £4.8million-a-year chief has a penthouse flat, declined to endorse him. It comes as Europe's football governing body, Uefa, considers launching an investigation into his 16-year career there.

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY

Infantino yesterday denied claims made by The Telegraph that Uefa gave his alleged mistress a £150,000-plus payoff while he was its general secretary.

She is also alleged to have got a £25,000 pay rise when promoted from admin to management, and got tuition fees to study for an MBA. Fifa said he "strongly denies the allegations, and they are categorically untrue". It called the allegations part of a "concerted effort by some to undermine Fifa and its president".

Uefa confirmed a departure payment had been made to the unnamed woman, whose salary was said to have been raised at married father Infantino's request.

Infantino could be challenged in next March's Fifa presidential election after Football Associations of nations including England and Wales withdrew their support.

Zug 94, who play in the Swiss fourth division and have an average attendance of 400, also dodged offering its backing. A club spokesman said: "We will refrain from commenting on this matter."

Infantino switched his tax residency from Zurich to Zug in 2022.

He has a £6,500-a-month penthouse apartment overlooking Lake Zug. Fifa pays his rent.

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Work in storm . . Jack

Defeat on son's tree fall death

By SAM CREED

THE parents of a worker killed by a tree which fell on him during a storm have lost their fight to sue his employer.

They argued that Hooke Highways should not have sent Jack Bristow, 23, to work during a red weather warning.

But High Court judge Irena Sabic dismissed Teresa White and Gary Bristow's claim, describing it as not "realistic".

She said the accident was not foreseeable and Jack had simply been "exceptionally unlucky".

He was a passenger in a Mercedes Sprinter van when it was crushed beyond recognition by the huge tree as it drove through Alton, Hants.

Jack, dad to a one-year-old boy, suffered a catastrophic head injury.

His parents had argued that on the night of the incident, February 18, 2022, the Met Office had warned of Storm Eunice.

Traveller sites fury

ANGRY homeowners claim five traveller sites have appeared in their village over nine months.

And they have lodged a formal complaint with their council.

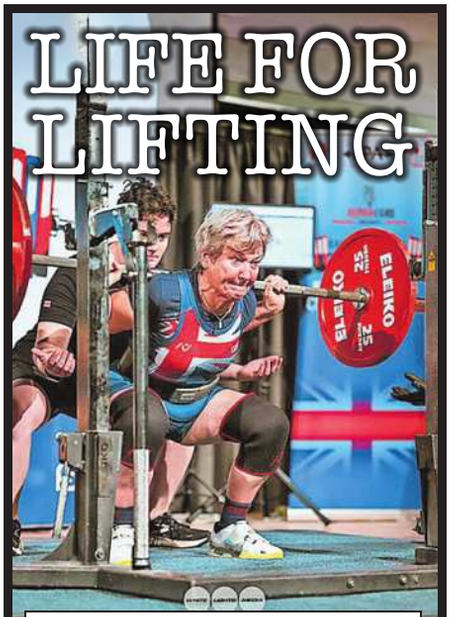
One said: "We're not happy. It's lowered the value of our houses and changed the area. I won't go down certain roads."

The first site in Sandway, Kent, was already subject to a contempt of court order before the others appeared.

Maidstone council said: "We understand concerns and are investigating."

DYB, DYB.. DIP

Scouts helped to land a hot air balloon when it came down in a field where they were camping at Tockington, Gloucs.



LIFE FOR LIFTING

EXCLUSIVE by SEBASTIAN HAW

A CHAMPION powerlifting pensioner says pumping iron is the secret to staying young. Melanie Lester, 72, *above and inset*, won gold in the over-70s British powerlifting championships in June after squatting 100kg.

She can deadlift 135kg — the weight of an upright piano — bench press 45kg, and teaches other OAPs how to do it through u3a, a national charity which encourages older people to stay physically and mentally active. Ex-teacher Melanie, of Sudbury, Suffolk, said: "I started lifting weights about ten years ago. It makes me feel I can take on the world."

Weight for it . . . Mel

Loan scam . . . Begum

No jail for council's auditor in £70k theft

By ELEANOR GUNN

A COUNCIL accountant has avoided jail after she stole over £70,000 of taxpayers' money to pay off Kenyan scammers.

Amirum Begum would record a lower figure for what residents paid in rent — and then pocket the difference.

The 49-year-old used it to pay off the scammers after being defrauded for a supposed loan in 2021.

Begum, who worked for Portsmouth city council for 27 years, turned the money into Amazon gift cards to hide the cash.

She lost her job after bosses noticed the discrepancy and called cops.

In total, Begum, of Fratton, Portsmouth, stole £72,582.17 between April 2022 and January 2023.

At the city's crown court, she was given eight months jail, suspended for two years.

No compensation order was made. She had previously pleaded guilty to theft by an employee.

'Obsessive' . . Birdseye

Perv, 70, sent telly star pic of genitals

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN LUCAS

A PERVERT pensioner sent a star athlete a pic of his privates during a stalking campaign.

Simon Birdseye, 70, bombarded the telly presenter with social media messages before emailing her the offensive snap.

The victim, who cannot be identified, told a court his obsessive behaviour left her anxious, looking over her shoulder and changing her routine as she feared for her safety.

She added: "I am far less trusting with strangers, which has changed my character in a way I don't like."

Birdseye, of Bury St Edmonds, Suffolk, admitted sending a photograph of his genitals with intent "to cause alarm, distress or humiliation".

He was jailed for eight weeks, suspended for 18 months, by Ipswich magistrates and got an order banning him from contacting his victim.

DAUGHTER AT HORROR WELL

Picture: GARY STONE

Bittersweet goodbye . . . Mary drops a flower at spot last week

Daddy's girl . . . young Mary with Anthony

First . . . Sun, July 31

Devastated...but so glad I've finally found you, Dad

A DAUGHTER who battled for 25 years to find her father has finally laid flowers at the well where his skeleton was found.

Mary Rickard was 20 when dad Anthony, 42, vanished at their family home in 2001.

Her stepmum, Heather Comins-Rickard, now 56, kicked her out days after he disappeared.

But Mary never gave up the search and even hired a private investigator. Police reopened their inquiries when a new witness came forward last year– and on May 19, forensic teams made the grim discovery in the French village of Le Breil Oréal, Brittany.

Comins-Rickard has been charged with murder and is awaiting trial.

Pet shop worker Mary, of Gunnislake, Cornwall, has visited the well and was able to tell her dad: "I've finally found you."

Now 45, she told The Sun that being able to visit the place where her long-lost dad was buried was bittersweet. She said: "I feel sad. I feel angry that this has happened, but I also feel happy."

The mum of three added: "He only came here because he wanted to make this life for his family, a better life for his kids. Instead, we lived 25 years of wondering, searching and looking.

"After he disappeared, Heather stopped me entering the property or going near it.

"But I stayed for about nine months. I was suspicious of Heather but after getting no answers, I returned to England."

Anthony's mum and siblings joined the campaign to find him.

The investigator drew a blank but told them he felt that something had happened to him.

Mary added: "It was heartbreaking, especially as his family here seemed to know something.

"We knew dad would not abandon his family. It was torture for us.

"We've lived a prison sentence without rest, sleep, or leading a normal life. Never being listened to was the hardest part.

"Now, I just want to get dad back where he came from, back to England, where he would have wanted to be."

EXCLUSIVE by ELEANOR GUNN

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FILM ROLE BOOSTS SELF ESTEEM

BRIT Award nominee **SELF ESTEEM** has landed her first major film role.

The singer and actress will star in coming-of-age drama Mountain, set in Wales in the Eighties. She secretly shot the movie in Anglesey recently, but no release date has yet been announced.

The tale follows a young boy, GG, as he searches for friendship and community, and meets a man called Bill, played by **PETER MULLAN**, who changes his life forever.

In 2023, Self Esteem – real name Rebecca Lucy Taylor – won rave reviews for her turn as Sally Bowles in Cabaret on the West End.

TAIKA MOMENT TO GO OFFLINE

TAIKA WAITITI's upcoming sci-fi film, Klara And The Sun, is set in a world with no internet.

But the Hollywood director admits he struggles to limit his time online – despite his best efforts.

Taika, *below*, told us: "When I'm writing, I tend to hang out too much on it, but you've got to really make an effort and go somewhere where there is no wi-fi – or just unplug the router and force it upon yourself."

He added of the film, based on the best-selling book by **KAZUO ISHIGURO**: "It's set in the near future where we've ended up abusing our power with the internet and technology so much that they actually had to turn it off.

"No internet or AI – all the robots are analogue and not connected to anything at all. Basically, robots that are dumb."

I'd love some internet breaks at times, but alas showbiz never sleeps.

POWERFUL . . . Sydnie performing at charity bash

SYD HAZ A NEW FAN

PRINCE HARRY has given his royal seal of approval to 2024 Britain's Got Talent winner SYDNIE CHRISTMAS.

He told Syd he "felt every word in the back of his throat" after she performed Tomorrow from Annie and FRANK SINATRA's My Way in front of him at DAVID FOSTER's charity gala in Canada over the weekend.

Both tracks have poignant lyrics about overcoming difficulties and being beaten down, which is rather apt for Harry, who has endured setback after setback recently. Speaking from Canada, Syd told me: "When I was on stage, I joked about meeting his dad before adding, 'Sorry he couldn't make it. He sent me instead'.

"Oh my god – I say such silly things when I'm nervous, but Harry started laughing.

"When I got down off stage he just came forward and gave me a big cuddle.

"And he went, 'Sydnie, I felt every word. I really felt that in the back of my throat'."

Revealing how the fifth-in-line to the throne ditched royal protocol, Sydnie continued: "He just went in for the hug and I was like, 'Why not?'." Next week, the singer will drop her new single Spirit, taken from her second album The Artist, which is due out on October 2.

Teasing the record, Syd said: "This is going to be different from what people know me for.

"I'm just trying to progress and make music that hopefully people like.

"The dream is just to continue touring and making music.

"It sounds so simple, but it's difficult in this day and age."

FANS' JOY AT LONG WEEKND

THE WEEKND has done a U-turn on his announcement early last year that he plans to retire – insisting he will keep performing "for ever."

The Blinding Lights singer, *inset*, whose real name is **ABEL TESFAYE**, had said he wanted to put his alter-ego to bed, but in Stockholm on Saturday, he made it clear his current tour has reinvigorated his love for music.

Ad-libbing during one of his tracks, he sang: "I'll never disappear. I love this too much to ever disappear.

"I tested retirement a little bit, and I don't like the way it feels. Imma be here for ever with you."

That will be music to the ears of fans who didn't manage to get tickets for his five Wembley Stadium shows and two concerts at Dublin's Croke Park in the next fortnight.

NEW MobLand star KOEL PURIE is set to take Edinburgh Fringe Festival by storm in the play Mummy's Dead, Long Live Mummy!

The dark comedy, written by Koel, will run for a week from August 24 at TheSpace@Symposium Hall.

It follows sold-out runs in Paris and India.

USHER: I DON'T DO DOUBLES

USHER has been forced to hit back at claims that he had a body double perform on stage for him during his MetLife Stadium show in New York.

The Burn singer's fans were up in arms after his concert, claiming the man on stage singing was not Usher.

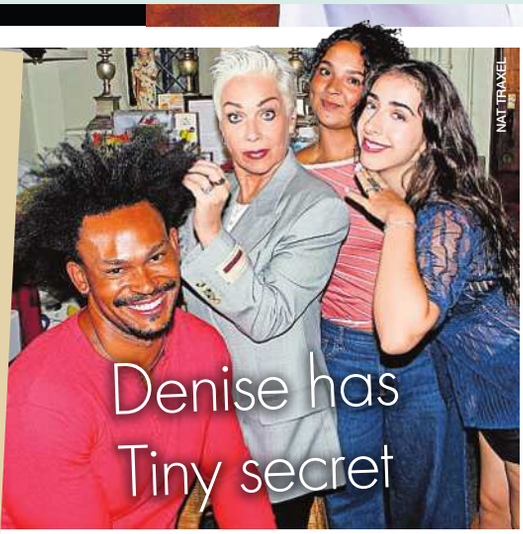
Posts about the claims started to go viral yesterday, with Usher forced to clarify it was him, writing: "How y'all come up with this? AI ain't that advanced."

It's not the first time we've seen this recently.

Last month, a **BLUE** fan got in touch to complain they didn't think **SIMON WEBBE** had been performing with the band during a gig in London.

After a quick – and comical – conversation with their manager, we managed to clear up that it was the real Simon on stage.

Specsavers, anyone?



NAT TRAXEL

Denise has Tiny secret

DENISE WELCH has revealed that US band TINY HABITS soundtracked MATTY HEALY and wife GABBRIETTE BECHTEL's first dance at their wedding last month.

The folk-pop trio were joined by Matty's mum, Loose Women star Denise, during their show at London's St Pancras Old Church on Friday when she let slip the news.

Clearly she's a big fan now too, as she stayed for the gig and posed for a photo with the group afterwards.

The band, made up of JUDAH MAYOWA, CINYA KHAN and MAYA RAE, *right*, are good friends with THE 1975 frontman Matty, who provided background vocals on their recent single, Anything He Was.

It will feature on their second studio album, Keepers, which is due out on August 28.

Tiny Habits met while at university in Boston and have since gained more celebrity fans in MARCUS MUMFORD, NOAH KAHAN and PHOEBE BRIDGERS. They're clearly doing something right.

MADGE AND KYLIE SET FOR 102ND TOP TEN HIT

POP legends **MADONNA** and **KYLIE MINOGUE** are on course for a big hit with their new single, Love Sensation.

Official Charts has revealed the track is currently at No8 in the midweek update.

If its popularity continues, it will become the 102nd Top Ten that the pop stars have scored between them – Madge's 65th and Kylie's 37th.

They debuted the tune, a remix of a song from Madonna's Confessions II album, at WorldPride in Amsterdam earlier this month, *right*.

Meanwhile, **SAM FENDER** and **OLIVIA DEAN** are set to stay at No1 for a 21st week with Rein Me In, with only **SHAKIRA**'s Dai Dai challenging them for top spot.

ELLIE HENMAN'S

THE WEEK IN **bizness**

WEDNESDAY: US girl group **KATSEYE** let the cameras in for their documentary film Wild Hearts, which hits cinemas ahead of the release of their third EP Wild on Friday.
THURSDAY: The UK tour of Stepping Out, starring Strictly's **KAREN HAUER**, kicks off at Eastbourne's Devonshire Park Theatre, while the national tour of Mrs Doubtfire begins at the Birmingham Hippodrome.
FRIDAY: THE SCRIPT return with their eighth album, The User's Guide To Being Human, and **AYRA STARR**, **JUNGLE** and **JON BATISTE** also drop new records.
SATURDAY: ARIANA GRANDE brings her Eternal Sunshine show to London's O2 Arena for a ten-night sold-out residency ahead of her break from the public eye.

TATE McRAE pulls no punches as she poses in boxing gloves for Variety after splitting from her ice hockey star boyfriend JACK HUGHES.

I revealed in December that the pair were dating, but reports in the US have now revealed they've quietly separated.

Tate, however, is keeping schtum when it comes to her love life. The Sports Car singer, appearing in Variety, told the mag: "I try to keep my relationships as sacred and private as possible.

"I love the people in my life. They love me.

"You just try to keep that circle as positive and supportive as possible.

"And the outside noise? I can't do anything about that. Focusing my energy on something that I can't control – it just puts me in a bad mood."

Sounds like fighting talk, Tate.

Tate's a knockout

DAVID ROEMER/COURTESY OF VARIETY

GLOBAL STAR . . . Ye hits high note at Portugal show

BUM RAP . . . Kate and Lauren's flag hits out at Starmer

FANS CRAZY FOR YE

Brits fly to Europe after UK gig ban

HE is the most controversial man in music, and banned from the UK.

But Brits are now throwing their support behind **KANYE WEST**, with hundreds flying out to his latest show in Portugal on Friday.

After then-Prime Minister **KEIR STARMER** led the charge by saying Ye couldn't enter the country due to past antisemitic comments – which the star has apologised for, blaming a mental health episode – only a handful of his European shows have gone ahead.

Before the ban, he had been lined up to headline Wireless in London's Finsbury Park last month.

Now many supporters are speaking out against his exclusion. One pair, mother and daughter Lauren and Kate, jetted to Portugal and queued for hours holding a flag backing the rapper which read: "F*** Keir Starmer, Scotland loves Ye."

Lauren, who said they had spent £3,000 on the trip, explained: "He was banned from the UK and it's shocking because he wasn't well and he's apologised for it. Some people are given grace and others aren't. But we get to come here and it's beautiful."

The concert drove an extra influx of tourists to the area – with barely a single free hotel room left in the region.

Amy, from Ayr, said she booked her ticket a week after Wireless was cancelled in April.

She said: "There's so many British folk here – so many, just because they can't go to Wireless.

"To see Kanye in London would have probably been better because British crowds are just better."

Fans Kane and Kate, who travelled from Portsmouth, said they queued for two hours just to buy merchandise before the gig, while another fan, Alfie, also attended Kanye's show in Madrid, Spain, the previous week.

He described the concert as "the best show you'll ever go to in your life," adding: "My mum loves **MICHAEL JACKSON** and she was like, 'I can't believe you're going to Portugal to see him again.' I said, 'If it was Michael Jackson, you'd do the same'."

And celebrity fans are sticking by Ye, too – supermodel **NAOMI CAMPBELL** and Real Madrid's **TRENT ALEXANDER-ARNOLD** attended his show the previous week.

As for the concert, I can confirm it's absolutely remarkable.

He performed atop a hemisphere-shaped stage in the centre of the Estadio Algarve, with a spinning globe and other projections being beamed on to it throughout the night.

Top of the world

It meant he was "on top of the world" during the majority of his epic 39-song set, which included everything from songs like Jesus Walks and All Falls Down from his 2004 debut, to King and Father from his latest record Bully.

And there was even a surprise showing from his daughter **NORTH**, who joined him to perform her song H0w Sh0uld ! f33l and their collaboration Talking.

Kanye was on his best behaviour during the show, with no rants or missteps, clearly determined to let the music do the talking.

Now Brits who flew out will hope the UK takes note – and lets him back in.

With HOWELL DAVIES & JACK HARDWICK

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BUDGET WAYS TO MARK AFTERNOON TEA WEEK

Enjoy a special brew

POSH napkins at the ready – Afternoon Tea Week has arrived.

From today until Sunday, great deals are to be had, so you can treat yourself and your friends.

Or celebrate by whipping up your own luxury tea for less . . .

TEA TIME CLASSIC: Create the classic afternoon tea of cucumber and cream cheese sandwiches for less by heading to Aldi. A loaf of bread is 89p, as is a tub of cream cheese, and a cucumber is 99p.

Be extra fancy by thinly slicing the cucumber, removing the crusts from the bread and cutting into finger-sized portions.

ALL SCONE: Scones are a key part of an afternoon tea menu and you can pick up a pack of six delicious Asda own-brand ones for £1.72.

Or make a saving by mixing a pack of Asda instant scone mix, 92p, with 150ml of milk for at least six scones or 12 mini ones that cook in 10-15 mins.

SWEET SAVING: Get fresh cakes, scones and doughnuts at morrisons.com (you must order at least two-three days in advance) and there's 15 per cent off until August 31.

LETTUCE AT IT: For a fab offer, try the Slug & Lettuce afternoon tea. Served Sunday to Friday, pick from the Classic option with tea, coffee or mocktails from £15pp, or add two glasses of prosecco for the Tipsy version from £21pp.

Want something stronger? The Cocktail choice gives you two drinks from the 2-for-1 menu from £22pp. Prices vary by location so check out your local branch first at slugandlettuce.co.uk.

SMART OFFERS: Fancy going out? Snap up a hotel deal at afternoontea.co.uk. You can choose from plenty of great deals, with extra special discounts just for this week.

There's 25 per cent off afternoon tea at The Stock Exchange, Manchester, from August 13 to 16, making it £26.25 per person.

Or book the InfiniTEA at The Orchard Room at Conrad London St James with endless sarnies, scones and tea and enjoy 25 per cent off when you quote "InfiniTEA25%" on booking.

Or, get four afternoon teas for three at London Hilton Syon Park until Sunday.

●All prices on page correct at time of going to press. Deals and offers subject to availability.

What's new?

CUT the cost of train travel by joining Club Avanti at avantiwestcoast.co.uk. You'll get ten per cent off your next Avanti West Coast journey, plus a free welcome hot drink and ten per cent off food and drink onboard.

Little helper

KIDS eat free at Premier Inn this summer. Up to two children aged 15 or under get a free brekkie with every adult breakfast, plus a free main from the kids' menu with every adult main until September 1.

Premier Inn

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HOT RIGHT NOW

PICK up the MALM bedside drawers for £45 in-store only at Ikea, while stocks last until August 31.

Property game . . . ace

England star Eze homes in on goal

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN LUCAS

ENGLAND star Eberechi Eze is helping to build 30 new homes – but some locals are not fans.

The Arsenal midfielder, 28, has become a director of two firms overseeing a controversial construction project at Horsted Keynes, West Sussex.

The new homes will include one-bedroom flats and four-bedroom houses, with nine "affordable" properties.

It was approved by the local council despite more than 260 objections, including over the loss of greenfield land, and the felling of mature trees.

A source said: "Rather than simply investing in buy-to-let properties like many footballers, Eze has entered the far more ambitious world of residential development, taking control of a site with planning permission."

Eze was part of the England squad which got to the World Cup semis.

Sub . . . and Sir David

Boaty to be face of games and toys

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY

ROBOT sub Boaty McBoatface is resurfacing to front a games and T-shirt empire, The Sun can reveal.

Its owner – the National Oceanography Centre – is trademarking its name, which was chosen in a public poll.

And it will be used to brand products including video and board games, T-shirts and soft toys.

The yellow submersible could also feature on school bags, rucksacks, umbrellas and stationery.

Bosses filed the name with the Intellectual Property Office and reserved it for commercial use in six classes.

It was voted the name of a polar research ship in a 2016 poll. But the vessel was dubbed the Sir David Attenborough and its sub called Boaty.

A source said: "It started as a bit of internet silliness but captured the nation's imagination."

SHANE BACK AT WHEEL

Moody Moon . . . Shane hits road after filming

Flashpoint . . at fuel station

EXCLUSIVE by ELEANOR GUNN

EASTENDERS star Shane Richie looks grim-faced back behind the wheel after being charged with drink-driving.

The 62-year-old actor was seen heading away from filming the BBC soap on Friday.

Richie, who plays Alfie Moon, faces court next month following an incident at a petrol station in Harlow, Essex, *see Sun left*.

A source said: "It's been a horrible time for Shane but life goes on and he's back at work. He did a seven-hour shift on set and didn't look too happy on the way out — but who could blame him?"

He is permitted to drive as he has yet to be convicted.

Picture: ISO IMAGES

WOKE FAIRYTALE WARNING

LITTLE DREAD RIDING HOOD

In the hood . . . Amanda as Red, right

THE Sun Wokeipedia A COMPENDIUM OF PC POPPYCOCK

UNDER-FIRE Cambridge University put a woke trigger warning on fairytale Little Red Riding Hood.

Students on a webinar were told that a history of bedtime stories lecture contained "adult content" and "themes of violence".

It was issued by the prestigious Clare College ahead of a free online humanities course designed to prepare state sixth form pupils for university study.

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY

The university is already reeling from the fiasco surrounding Dr Jason Arday, who resigned his Cambridge professorship last week in a plagiarism row.

He also made a string of implausible claims about his life, background and experience.

In the course for university-bound A-level and GCSE students, Clare College encourages teens to take a critical look at childhood stories and to read "beneath the surface".

But official course notes warn: "Please note this session will involve discussion of some adult content including themes of violence, with reference to fairytales."

In the original 1697 version of the fairytale, the hungry wolf succeeds in eating Red Riding Hood's grandmother before also killing the young girl. A later 19th century version by the Brothers Grimm was still violent, but with a happier ending.

Modern scary versions have also been made, including a 2011 film starring Amanda Seyfried.

Lord Toby Young, of the Free Speech Union, said: "Putting trigger warnings on fairytales is infantilising, even for Cambridge."

● **DR** Arday has quietly cancelled two events this month to promote his upcoming book of memoirs, called Great and Unfortunate Things.

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Stolen . . . badges

VW car badges targeted in thefts

By FELIX MARSHALL

THIEVES have stolen dozens of car badges and radar sensors in a four-day crime spree.

They were said to have used drones to identify VWs to target before ripping off their badges in less than five seconds.

About 70 thefts took place between July 15 and 19 from vehicles in South East London.

Giorgina Tomlin, from Nunhead in Southwark, told The Times a drone scoped her street before her badge and four others were stolen on July 18.

She said: "They knew where every car was."

Graham Dunn, whose VW Tiguan was targeted on the same day, said: "Two guys on Lime bikes did nearly two grand's worth of damage in less than five seconds."

Volkswagen said it was offering a 70 per cent discount on repairs, adding: "We take vehicle security very seriously."

Police are investigating.

Strangled . . . Julie

Police in appeal on 1994 murder

By JOHN LUCAS

POLICE are appealing for anyone with information about a murder 32 years ago to come forward.

Julie Finley, 23, was strangled and her body dumped naked in a field at Rainford, near St Helens, Merseyside, in 1994.

Det Insp Sam Davies, of Merseyside Police, said: "We know people may have had information about Julie's death which, either through loyalty or fear, they didn't bring to our attention.

"My message would be it is never too late to do the right thing and tell us what you know, no matter how small."

Heroin addict Julie, who weighed just six stone, was last seen alive at about 11pm on August 5 talking to a man behind Royal Liverpool University Hospital.

Hours later, a man was seen trying to force a woman matching her description into a van near where she was found.

TEMPERATURES TO HIT 35°C

BRISTOL

Parched parkland around Clifton Observatory

HAMPSHIRE

Alert on A31 after car fire spread to heathland

NORTH LONDON

Green pitches surrounded by parched outfield

THREE DAY FORECAST

TODAY	TOMORROW	WEDS
27°C 81°F	25°C 77°F	30°C 86°F
Dry and settled day with sunny spells	Warm day with long, bright sunny spells	Expect a very warm and sunny day

Picture: FINNBARR WEBSTER/GETTY IMAGES

DORCHESTER

Family enjoy Sunflower Trail

LYME REGIS, DORSET

Busy beach as new heatwave beckons

TURNED DROUGHT NICE AGAIN

Sun lovers out as 5th heatwave builds

By LAUREN UTTLEY

A FIFTH heatwave is set to build this week as temperatures soar to 35C again and drought conditions spread.

The heat is expected to rise from tomorrow, with highs reaching 30C-plus across parts of England and Wales.

Peaking on Thursday in the South East, this will mark the fourth consecutive month the UK has recorded temperatures of at least 35C.

The UK Health Security Agency has already issued yellow heat health alerts for most of England until at least 9pm tomorrow — but they are highly likely to be extended.

And with little rain in sight, the Environment Agency warned drought could be declared in more regions this week.

More than half of England and all of Wales is already bone-dry, leaving nearly 26million people living under hosepipe bans.

In Bristol, parkland around the Clifton Observatory remained parched yesterday following weeks without rain.

And in Cockfosters, North London, drone footage showed the parched grass around a cricket field — a scene repeated at grounds across the country.

In Hampshire, crews from 26 fire engines were tackling a blaze near the A31 after a vehicle fire spread to nearby heathland.

But sunflowers were in full bloom at the Dorset Sunflower Trail in Dorchester yesterday and the beach was busy on the county's coast at Lyme Regis.

Experts suggest the drought could last into September, as no substantial rainfall is forecast for the South during August.

Even if rain returns to normal summer levels, it is unlikely to replenish water stores in the short term.

Residents in Devon and Cornwall criticised South West Water for imposing a hosepipe ban on Saturday.

One local fumed: "I take it South West Water will be cutting the bills because they fail to supply the water they're required to?

"Stop wasting the money we pay for water and sewage, which is already the highest in the country, on fat cat shareholders and start spending it on infrastructure."

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FLASH MOTORS IMPOUNDED USING NEW LAW

CARTED AWAY . . . Lamborghini Revuelto is seized

NUISANCE . . . Ferrari impounded in 'Operation Noisy Car'

CONFISCATED . . . Land Rover hoisted on back of recovery truck

IMPOUNDED . . . Porsche 911 GT3

HAULED OFF . . . Aston Martin

BOND MOMENT . . . officer behind wheel of Ferrari Monza SP2

CopGear

POLICE SEIZE 90 SUPERCARS

THEY look ready to star in an episode of Top Gear – but even Jeremy Clarkson and Co would be lucky to drive these flashy motors.

By MIKE SULLIVAN
Crime Editor

Supercars worth millions – including Lamborghinis, Ferraris, Aston Martins, McLarens, top-end BMWs, Mercedes and Range Rovers – were cruising the streets of London over the weekend.

But they were stopped in their tracks when cops swooped to seize a range of makes and models, from a £650,000 orange Lamborghini Revuelto to a £350,000 Ferrari.

Officers said they were sick of wealthy foreigners treating the UK capital "like a race track".

And their drive to curb the problem was hugely successful. On Saturday night, a £3.7million open-top Ferrari Monza was impounded in Mayfair, central London, having been imported from Saudi Arabia the previous day. It had only been on the road 20 minutes when the driver was stopped for allegedly not being properly insured.

Others were pulled over for suspected problems with their driving licence, speeding claims and alleged handling of stolen goods.

In a quirky twist, one Met special constable looking cool in shades became a web sensation after steering the swanky Ferrari Monza SP2 convertible through Mayfair with a police escort – as stunned onlookers took his picture.

The motor is incredibly rare – one of just 499 made since being unveiled by Ferrari in 2018. One recently sold for £3.7million. Punters joked online that cops were probably scrambling to get behind the wheel.

"Rock, paper, scissors, who gets to drive it?" laughed one. "Trying so hard not to crack the biggest smile ever," said another of the officer.

The Sun joined the Met's Vehicle Enforcement Team for the weekend-long Operation Noisy Car – the first major push using a new law to immediately seize vehicles being driven in an anti-social manner.

We started at a temporary base at Hyde Park Corner. It soon became apparent that wealthy foreign playboys who had been driving with impunity in London, ignoring speed limits and jumping red lights had finally met their match.

Sun photographer Ray Collins and I set off in a marked police car.

PC Dan Holden drove while a Special Constable named Faisal scanned a laptop linked to the Police National Computer to check number plates and cars' legality.

Within minutes, the Kuwaiti driver of a grey Range Rover Sport was pulled over on London's Park Lane. Records indicated he had a UK provisional licence plus a Kuwaiti one, so is allowed to drive legally in Britain for a year before having to take a test.

However, under UK law, he is required to carry the licence when driving. Because he didn't have it, his car was seized. He and his family took their bags of shopping from the boot and hailed a cab as police took his motor away. While there was no suggestion the man did not have valid documentation, PC Holden said: "You would be surprised at how many people have forged foreign driving licences."

As we headed down the Chelsea Embankment and into King's Road, an Arab diplomat in a three-wheel Polaris Slingshot was pulled over.

After showing his valid credentials, he went on his way.

Meanwhile, the Saudi driver of a £350,000 grey Ferrari 812 was pulled over near Sloane Street. The 48-year-old did not have a valid licence on him and lost his temper when told the car would be seized.

Insisting he had a provisional licence at his mother's home nearby, the man then accused PC Holden of racism, yelling: "F*** off and take it [*the car*]. What are you doing in Chelsea? F*** off back to Clapham or wherever you belong."

Arrested under the Public Order Act for allegedly causing "harassment, alarm and distress", he was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Others catching the cops' attention included an Arab prince who had his UAE-registered £650,000 Lamborghini Revuelto seized over alleged speeding in Mayfair. Meanwhile, a Mercedes GLC driver pulled over by Vauxhall Bridge was arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods after allegedly having nine credit cards, six mobile phones and cash.

The fleet of 22 supercars seized on Friday were taken back to base and transported on tow trucks to the Met's car pounds in South and West London. Drivers can reclaim them with a valid license and insurance – and by paying a £192 fee.

Across the whole weekend, almost 90 cars worth at least £8million were seized, including 15 under the new legislation.

Met Special Constabulary Inspector Geoff Tatman, who oversaw the operation, believes the new law will make a difference. He said: "During August, foreign nationals come here and bring their cars. Some are treating London like a race track.

"Because the cars are not registered here, they don't get tickets for speeding or going through red lights. Something will be marked down on their number plate, but they are out of the country by the time anything can be done."

Westminster Council's Tory deputy leader Caroline Sargent said: "People who think it is acceptable to drive illegally in Westminster are not welcome here. As well as putting people at risk, it causes nuisance for residents and businesses."

Angus Eaton, CEO of the Motor Insurers' Bureau, added: "Operations like these show that the rules apply to all motorists, regardless of the value of the vehicle they drive."

London's 20mph speed limit might feel painfully slow to boy racers in fancy cars, but the walk or bus ride home will be even slower . . .

NICKED . . . offender is taken away in cuffs

Pictures by RAY COLLINS

Best friend . . . to baby

Tots are healthier in home with dog

By AMIR RAZAVI

BABIES living in houses with dogs are healthier and need fewer antibiotics in their first year of life, a study found.

The tots are also less likely to develop respiratory infections – which can lead to asthma.

Researchers say dog germs and microbes in the home are at least partly responsible.

The study looked at data from 400 families in Finland, mostly on farms or in rural settings.

It showed dog microbes can explain up to a quarter of the protective effect of pet ownership on babies' respiratory infections, antibiotic use and the number of healthy weeks during the first year of life.

The benefits of a dog remained even after other things known to affect childhood infection risk are factored in, such as family size, living environment and exposure to tobacco smoke.

In hospital . . . Natalie

Anger of victim hit by 100kg steel bar

By ALEX WEST

A WORKER who suffered horror injuries when a 100kg steel beam fell on her has condemned her ex-boss's punishment.

Natalie McCreith, 40, called Neil Munn's 75-hour community service sentence "heartbreaking".

She said: "My whole world's been turned upside down and I am in so much pain daily. It doesn't feel very just."

Ms McCreith, from Liverpool, was hurt while helping to dismantle a café in Leatherhead, Surrey, in June 2024.

She was temporarily paralysed as she suffered fractures to her back, broken ribs, a punctured lung and a broken leg.

A Health and Safety Executive investigation found Munn, a director of iSkate Ltd, sanctioned the use of a ratchet strap, which failed.

He admitted safety breaches. His company was also fined £12,000 by JPs in Guildford, Surrey.

MAGGIE THATCHER'S COCAINE MOTH PLOT

MARGARET Thatcher approved plans to "bomb" Peru's cocaine crop with moths, documents reveal.

Top-secret briefings from 1989 show Tory ministers agreed to spend £100,000 on the covert strategy.

The then PM personally rubber-stamped the proposal to breed thousands of moths to halt cocaine exports to Britain.

By NICK MIAO

Documents recently declassified by the National Archives explored the potential to weaponise moths which feed on Erythroxylum coca – the plant from which cocaine is produced.

One Foreign Office briefing read: "It is clear that this moth offers great potential for the biological control of illegal crops – provided a way can be found to propagate the insects in very large numbers.

"From what is known of Eloria [the moths] it might be thought of as a 'smart bomb' with a very short range."

It said the Peruvian government had asked British scientists at a Porton Down research lab in Wiltshire for help in breeding thousands of the moths.

The insects would then be flown to Peru and dropped by helicopters over drug plantations.

But despite Thatcher's personal interest, the proposal never came to fruition due to a lack of financial support from Peru.

Drug 'bombing' . . . former PM

Xmas din anyone?

A PUB is taking bookings for Christmas Day dinner as the country swelters.

The Acorn is advertising a three-course meal with trimmings for £72.99.

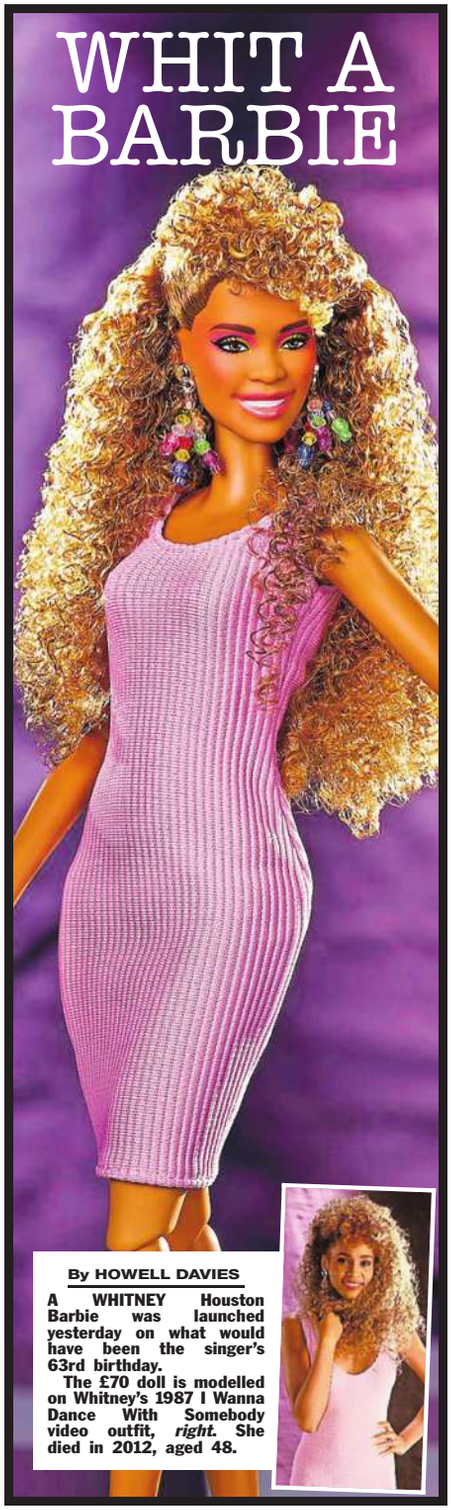
It even put a Santa sign on the bar to advise customers to book more than 19 weeks ahead in Accrington, Lancs.

Landlady Beth Moore said: "It gives guests the ability to secure preferred times early." Drinker Dylan John said: "I nearly spat my beer out."

TAKEN DOWN

Take That's Howard Donald sold his 1966 VW campervan for £45,000 – £5,000 less than expected at Silverstone, Northants.

WHIT A BARBIE



By HOWELL DAVIES

A WHITNEY Houston Barbie was launched yesterday on what would have been the singer's 63rd birthday.

The £70 doll is modelled on Whitney's 1987 I Wanna Dance With Somebody video outfit, *right*. She died in 2012, aged 48.

Spy attack . . . house

Novichok home in £114k sale

By NICK MIAO

THE home of a former Russian spy poisoned by Putin henchmen has been snapped up within weeks of going on the market.

The three-bed house, which had nerve agent Novichok smeared on its door handle in 2018, fetched £114,000 for 30 per cent shared ownership.

It was listed in June with a warning over its role in the attack that hospitalised former double agent Sergei Skripal, his daughter Yulia and police officer Nick Bailey.

Mum-of-three Dawn Sturgess died after spraying herself with Novichok from a perfume bottle thrown in a public bin.

The link-detached Salisbury house was decontaminated and extensively refurbished by Wiltshire council, which will retain 70 per cent ownership.

It was described by the estate agent as a "family home that has been thoughtfully enhanced".

Evicted by wasps

A WILDLIFE warden has been evicted from her office – after thousands of wasps built a huge nest in her ring binders.

The insects moved on to the shelves at Trinity Broads while Eilish Rothney was away on holiday.

The Norfolk Wildlife Trust warden said wasps are good for nature, adding: "I try not to disturb them – they do a good job controlling leaf-eating insects otherwise our trees could be bare!"

Eilish is now working from home. The wasps should go by the autumn.

MORNING GLORY

Two thirds of us say morning is our fave time, with Queen's Don't Stop Me Now the best song to kick it off, a poll shows.

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7. At The Hop - Danny & The Juniors
8. Mona Lisa - Conway Twitty
9. Woo Hoo - Rock - A - Teens
10. Shirley Lee - Ricky Nelson
11. Rock Around The Clock - Bill Haley
12. Chantilly Lace - The Big Bopper
13. Blue Suede Shoes - Carl Perkins
14. Let's Have A Party - Wanda Jackson
15. Lonesome Train - Johnny Burnette
16. Over And Over - Thurston Harris
17. Tequila - The Champs
18. Ain't That A Shame - Fats Domino
19. Forty Miles Of Bad Road - Duanne Eddy
20. A Teenager In Love - Dion & The Belmonts
21. Good Golly Miss Molly - Little Richard
22. Bye Bye Love - The Everly Brothers
23. Let's Jump The Broomstick - Brenda Lee
24. La Bamba - Ritchie Valens
25. Suzie Q - Dale Hawkins

DISC 2
1. C'Mon Everybody - Eddie Cochran
2. Shout! Shout! (Knock Yourself Out) - Ernie Maresca
3. Hey Doll Baby - The Everly Brothers
4. Rebel Rouser - Duane Eddy
5. Drugstore Rock And Roll - Janis Martin
6. Johnny B. Goode - Chuck Berry
7. Party Doll - Buddy Knox
8. Little Darlin' - The Diamonds
9. Tongue Tied Jill - Charlie Feathers
10. Oh Boy - The Crickets (featuring Buddy Holly)
11. Rockin' Bones - Ronnie Dawson
12. Stupid Cupid - Connie Francis
13. Raunchy - Bill Justis
14. Tutti Frutti - Little Richard
15. Bo Diddley - Bo Diddley
16. Under The Moon Of Love - Curtis Lee
17. Whole Lotta Woman - Marvin Rainwater
18. Jungle Rock - Hank Mizell AKA Jim Bobo
19. Willie And The Hand Jive - The Johnny Otis Show
20. Rock The Bop - Brenda Lee
21. Go! Go! Go! - Roy Orbison
22. Hot Rock - Johnny Carroll
23. All Shook Up - Elvis Presley
24. Rumble - Link Wray And His Ray Men
25. It's Only Make Believe - Conway Twitty

DISC 3
1. Rip It Up - Little Richard
2. Rockin' Robin - Bobby Day
3. Come On, Let's Go - Ritchie Valens
4. Alley-Oop - Hollywood Argyles
5. Bony Moronie - Larry Williams
6. Dynamite - Brenda Lee
7. High School Confidential - Jerry Lee Lewis
8. Let There Be Drums - Sandy Nelson
9. Come Here Jo-Anne - Tommy Boyce
10. Kansas City - Wilbert Harrison
11. Short Shorts - Royal Teens
12. Summertime Blues - Eddie Cochran
13. Teen Beat - Sandy Nelson
14. That's All Right - Elvis Presley
15. Be My Guest - Fats Domino
16. Chariot Rock - The Champs
17. Bluejean Bop - Gene Vincent
18. Charlie Brown - The Coasters
19. Splish Splash - Bobby Darin
20. Ready Teddy - Buddy Holly
21. Wake Up Little Susie - The Everly Brothers
22. The Shape I'm In - Johnny Restivo
23. Rockhouse - Roy Orbison
24. Red River Rock - Johnny And The Hurricanes
25. Since I Don't Have You - The Skyliners

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3. That'll Be The Day - The Crickets
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5. The Girl Can't Help It - Little Richard
6. Do You Wanna Dance - Bobby Freeman
7. Pretty Thing - Bo Diddley
8. High Blood Pressure - Huey 'Piano' Smith &The Clowns
9. Rockin' Daddy - Eddie Bond
10. Sweet Little Sixteen - Chuck Berry
11. Honey Hush - Johnny Burnette
12. Rocking Goose - Johnny And The Hurricanes
13. Love Potion #9 - The Clovers
14. Ooby Dooby - Roy Orbison
15. Sea Cruise - Frankie Ford
16. That's My Little Suzie - Ritchie Valens
17. Robot Man - Connie Francis
18. Duck Tail - Joe Clay
19. Bottle To The Baby - Charlie Feathers
20. Say Mama - Gene Vincent
21. Little Bitty Pretty One - Thurston Harris
22. Razzle Dazzle - Bill Haley & His Comets
23. Giddy Up A Ding Dong - Freddie Bell & The Bell Boys
24. High School Dance - Larry Williams
25. Don't Be Cruel - Elvis Presley

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Law . . . victim Clare

Surge in domestic violence searches

By AMIR RAZAVI

A RECORD 47,495 people asked police to check if partners had a history of domestic abuse last year.

The total – up from 21,850 in 2023 – means close to 1,000 people a week are using Clare's Law amid concerns for themselves or for others.

Disclosures by police rose from 9,038 in 2023 to 18,688 in 2025.

These included histories of rape, strangulation, threats to kill, stalking, coercive control, GBH and kidnapping.

The total will be higher as not all police forces gave data in the Freedom of Information survey.

Clare's Law, officially the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, came in after the murder of Clare Wood, 36, by an ex-partner with a history of violence, in Salford, Gtr Manchester, in 2009.

The National Police Chiefs' Council said: "Domestic abuse is rarely a one-off occurrence."

Penalty . . pub car park

Drivers' £100 fine to collect a parcel

By LAUREN UTTLEY

DRIVERS were given parking fines of up to £100 for collecting parcels outside a pub.

A vicar was among around 20 penalised for a quick stop at lockers in the Church Inn car park.

The Rev Canon Gareth Rayner-Williams said: "Two locker users received £60 charges after being on site for just two minutes and five seconds, and three minutes and seven seconds.

"It's difficult to see how any observer could regard these brief stops as parking." Bethan Proctor said: "People are shocked and upset."

The lockers have now been switched off and will be removed.

New Generation Parking Management said drivers were given a ten-minute grace period, and tickets were issued fairly. The Church Inn, at Llanishen, Cardiff, said it received no "financial benefit".

RUSSIAN SECRET AGENT'S PAL

By JIM MALONEY

WITH her tumbling red hair, vivacious green eyes and sultry looks, 23-year-old Anna Chapman bewitched powerful men across London society.

Rich businessmen, politicians and Russian oligarchs were all captivated by the beauty and intelligence of this alluring woman who had settled here from Russia.

Much later, it became clear that Anna's good looks were masking a dark secret: she was a Russian intelligence agent who would eventually have the FBI on her tail when she moved to the United States.

But in an exclusive interview with The Sun, financier Nicholas Camilleri reveals that more than 20 years after meeting her, he still struggles to comprehend that the glamorous woman who accompanied him on many nights on the town had the potential to get up to no good.

Nicholas says: "I find it hard to believe she could be capable of being a spy.

"She wasn't doing that when she was in London with me.

"People were enamoured with her. She knew what she was doing – she was a social climber.

"She had very good looks and a very nice personality. She was charming. She was a listener, and she had a good sense of humour."

Like the plot from a James Bond novel, Anna's extraordinary story is told in a new two-part Channel 4 documentary, Spy Next Door: The Anna Chapman Story.

Her tale encompasses a whirlwind romance, the ruthless use of her charm to climb the social ladder and an eventual return to her homeland, where she was hailed a hero by Vladimir Putin.

'Little did I know how crazy it would get'

Arriving in the UK as a 20-year-old student in August, 2001, Anna Vasilyevna Kushchenko visited Brighton DJ Marcus Read, who she had met earlier that year during a trip to Zimbabwe where he was spinning discs.

Recalling the night their paths first crossed, Marcus says: "At the end of the night this girl walked by, wearing a white hoodie. I could see a little cute face poking through. We kind of caught eyes and I ushered her over.

"She was highly seductive. I hadn't met any girls with that power. I realised she was Russian and that made the whole thing quite exciting. She gave me her number and told me her name.

"Little did I know where this whole thing was going and how crazy it would get."

After returning from Africa, Marcus got a call out of the blue from Anna, who said she wanted to come to visit.

When he met her at Heathrow, she had permission to stay here for 90 days.

Marcus says: "She was wide-eyed and seemed really happy to be in London.

"We were sharing the same bed on the first night. It was like we were meant to be together.

"The air of mystique she carried with her was consistent. I never really knew what was going on in her mind. The information I did have was minimal.

"The only thing that struck me was when she told me her dad was in the KGB."

On a trip to London to a techno nightclub, Anna wandered off and got talking to a man named Alex Chapman, who worked at record label Sony.

Promptly dumping Marcus, she moved in with Alex and they married on March 23, 2002.

The pair enjoyed the party scene before she quickly moved on from him, too. Now, with British passport in hand, she started mixing with the elite and influential.

"In the 2000s, London was a great place to be," Nicholas recalls. "There was lots of money, and a big social circuit where we would go out every night of the week.

"We would start out at a restaurant and then go on to nightclubs – Tuesday nights to Boujis, Wednesdays to Annabel's, Thursdays to Tramp and Fridays to private parties."

At this time, the West was trying to put the Cold War behind it by thawing frosty relations with Russia.

Putin was invited to both Downing Street and the White House.

Nicholas says: "There were Russians everywhere – bankers, property owners, investors, hedge fund managers.

"And there were lots of Russian women.

"One night I organised a dinner and I invited a Mayfair socialite who showed up with this very beautiful Russian called Anna Chapman.

"I was seated next to her and I found her very charming and intelligent.

"Anna was working as a teller at Barclays Bank and she said that she wanted something more exciting, so I gave her a job as my personal assistant. My wife didn't like going to business dinners with me so I used to take Anna to them as well as to nightclubs.

"She liked socialising and dancing. She was good at meeting clients.

"They were all enamoured by her, just like I was.

"She was very confident and she spoke very good English.

"One night at a club I introduced her to Boris Berezovsky, who was Russia's richest man.

"A vocal critic of Putin, he had been forced to leave Russia by him. Boris had be the next table an Anna a bottle of ch

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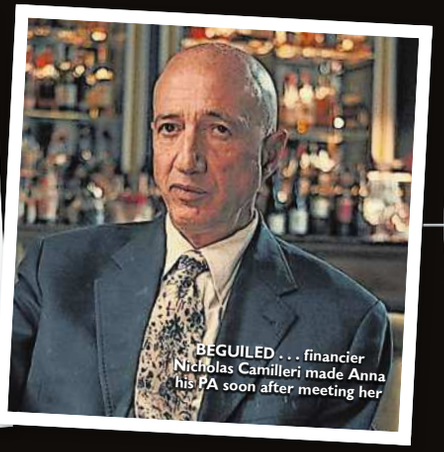

BEGUILED . . . financier Nicholas Camilleri made Anna his PA soon after meeting her

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SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD . . . agent Anna Chapman wrapped in furs

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han who they believed was posing as an online estate agent, selling New York City properties to Russians.

Ed Foley, the federal agent who led the surveillance team, says: “She was pretty uneventful during the day at first. Just a normal 28-year-old going shopping at the store, doing yoga.

‘Seduction is oldest trick in the book’

“But at night it was a different story. She would get shuttled around in high-end limos, dressed to the nines, going to clubs that were VIP-only.

“She was, in fact, quite literally in bed with some of the top Wall Street financiers, people who had influence in political circles, city planning, finance. She was very dangerous because she was mission-driven and did whatever it took with whomever it took to get whatever she needed for the betterment of the Russian intelligence service.

“Seduction is the oldest trick in the book, right? She knew exactly what she was doing.”

The FBI discovered Anna was one of ten deep-cover spies who were seemingly normal US citizens originally from Russia.

The group, including Anna, were arrested simultaneously.

The arrests led to one of history’s biggest spy swaps, with America flying all ten back to Moscow while Russia returned four high-level operatives who they had arrested for spying for the West. These included double agent Sergei Skripal, who settled in Britain and was later poisoned with nerve agent Novichok along with his daughter Yulia in Salisbury in 2018.

He survived, but some other Russians were not so lucky.

Back home in Russia, Anna became a celebrity. Putin saluted her. She was invited on to a TV chat show and posed on the cover of Maxim’s Russian edition in a swimsuit, holding a gun.

But Putin was incensed by the deportment of his ten spies and the subsequent swap.

A string of mysterious deaths then befell those he considered to be traitors and now living in the UK – falling from roofs, jumping in front of Tube trains, helicopter crashes, impalement on railings.

Alexander Litvinenko, another outspoken critic of Putin then living in London, had warned his friend Boris Berezovsky that Putin was out to kill them both.

In 2006, Litvinenko died from a large quantity of radioactive polonium, believed to have been put in his cup of tea.

Seven years later, Berezovsky – Anna Chapman’s besotted lunch companion – was found dead with a ligature around his neck, on the bathroom floor of his mansion in Ascot, Berks.

Anna’s former husband Alex Chapman died of a drug overdose in 2015.

As for Anna herself, last October she was appointed head of the Museum of Russian Intelligence, which showcases the achievements of the country’s long-running espionage operations against the West.

She had previously dabbled with work as a nutrition coach, running her own clothing brand as well as writing a book which was a mix of memoir and fiction.

Marcus Read, meanwhile, still holds fond memories of Anna but has come to realise that he was likely just a means of getting to where she wanted.

“Whatever happened between us was definitely real,” he says.

“But maybe that was a stepping stone to get on her path to become a spy.”

● **Spy Next Door: The Anna Chapman Story airs on Channel 4 on Wednesday and Thursday at 9pm.**

Monday TV GUIDE

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION

BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Animal Park (R,S)
10.00 Trace, Track, Get My Car Back Trackers Neil and Jason snatch back a hire car the customer is refusing to return. (R,S)
10.30 European Athletics Championships: Birmingham 2026 LIVE Coverage of the opening session on day one from Alexander Stadium, including heats in the women's 100m and 400m hurdles and the men's 800m and 400m. (S)
1.15 BBC News (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing Sarah Moore recovers plates, seats and an old wash stand. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country Jonnie Irwin helps a pair of early retirees find a new home in Wiltshire or Somerset. (R,S)
3.30 The Repair Shop Experts restore a rocking horse and an ice cream trailer. (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz hosted by Jason Manford. (S)
5.15 Pointless Quiz hosted by Alexander Armstrong. (R,S)
6.00 BBC News (S)
6.30 Regional News (S)

7pm Angellica Bell reports live from Birmingham on The One Show

7.00 The One Show Ales Jones and Roman Kemp talk to guests in the studio. (S)
7.30 EastEnders Max and Cindy are loved up as they set January 1st for their wedding. Later, he is surprised when Priya makes a performance at the car lot. Amy, Avani, Denzel, Barney, Ricky, Will, Lily and Nugget secretly meet to discuss Joel, and Jean's money woes continue. (S)
8.00 European Athletics Championships: Birmingham 2026 LIVE Gabby Logan presents further coverage of the evening session on day one from Alexander Stadium, including the women's 100m final. With analysis by Jessica Ennis-Hill, Jenny Meadows and Greg Rutherford, and commentary provided by Steve Cram, Steve Backley, Andrew Cotter, Colin Jackson and Paula Radcliffe. (S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.40 Bridget Jones's Baby FILM Bridget's focus on single life and her career is interrupted when she finds herself pregnant, but with one hitch – she can only be 50 per cent sure of the identity of her baby's father after a pair of one-night stands. Is the dad old flame Mark Darcy or US dating guru Jack Qwant? Comedy sequel, starring Renee Zellweger. (2016) ✪✪✪✪ (S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead**
12.40-6am BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.30 am Bargain Hunt: 20 Years Of The One Show (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: The Repair Shop Items include a Notting Hill Carnival headpiece. (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Antiques Road Trip (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer Properties in Eastbourne, Bilston and Croydon. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt (R,S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Quiz show. (R,S)
1.30 The Finish Line (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? (R,S)
2.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown (R,S)
3.30 Spy In The Ocean Disguised underwater cameras capture footage of sea creatures. (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow From Winston Churchill's former home in Kent. (R,S)
5.15 Flog It! (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Quiz show. (R,S)
6.30 Bear Grylls: Wild Reckoning Former best friends Rhys and Niall work to repair their broken friendship. (R,S)

9pm Chris Packham explores advances in animal movement in Evolution

7.00 European Athletics Championships: Birmingham 2026 LIVE Coverage of the evening session on day one from Alexander Stadium, including the women's shot put final. Coverage continues on BBC One. (S)
8.00 Only Connect (5/34) Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts another first-round match as the Double Features take on the Colonial Geese, trying to find what connects four things that appear utterly random. (S)
8.30 University Challenge (5/37) Amol Rajan asks the questions in another of the academic quiz's first-round matches with Magdalen College, Oxford taking on the University of Warwick. (S)
9.00 Evolution (5/5) Chris Packham reveals why the horse became so fast. (S)
10.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing (3/6) Paul and Bob travel to the Highlands on a quest for ferox trout in the River Garry with a local guide to help them target their quarry. (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight Insights and global interviews on the crucial news stories of the day, presented by Alex Forsyth. (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 Shaft FILM Blaxploitation detective thriller starring Richard Roundtree. (1971) ✪✪✪✪ (S)
12.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile (R,S,SL) **1.35-2.25am** Bergerac (R,S,SL)

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6am Good Morning Britain News and current affairs, plus lifestyle and entertainment features. (S)
10.00 This Morning A mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, advice and competitions. Including Local Weather. (S)
1.30 ITV News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson is in Blackburn, where Matt Taylor happens upon an unlikely duet, Alys Dobbie sizes up a vintage dress, and Tim Hogarth coins it in. (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal (R,S) Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show as contestant Leon tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order for the chance to win a life-changing cash prize. Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)
5.00 The Chase (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV News (S)

9pm Davina McCall meets Christine in Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace

7.30 Fletchers' Family Farm (9/10) The Fletchers focus on diversification at the farm, Liz is inspired by leftover sheep's wool, and Marnie and Milo retrieve their wildlife cameras to log the multiple species they see in their woods. (R,S)
8.00 Emmerdale A villager's life is turned upside down, while Charity clings to her secret and Serena is left feeling conflicted. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Tim urges Richie to make a go of his marriage, Alya chooses her legal work over Speed Daal, and Sarah finishes with Kit for the sake of his career. (S)
9.00 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell help foundlings Michael and Christine uncover and understand why their mothers abandoned them. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 Cold Case Forensics: A Death On The Nile (2/3) Forensic scientist Dr Angela Gallop and her team investigate the mysterious, sudden death of a British solicitor while on a romantic holiday in Egypt. (R,S)
11.45 Love & Death (5/7) Candy retains Don Crowder as her attorney. (R,S)
12.35 Shop On TV 3.00 The Staircase. Drama series. (R,S,SL) **4.10** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.10-6am** Dickinson's Real Deal (R,S,SL)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Three episodes. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA A cafe owner who wants to attract a richer clientele. (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Simon hatches a plan to turn some old tanks into a pizza oven. (R,S)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway A couple team up with a stranger to buy a house in Porthmadog, north Wales. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun A Leicester pair seek a holiday home in Mojácar, south-east Spain. (R,S)
4.00 Saving Country Houses With Penelope Keith An exceptional attic model railway is revealed at Chavenage. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY Anna and Edward race to bring down an enormous fig tree before it can bring the wall of their beautiful wedding terrace crashing down. (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz encounter a coin-op empire. (R,S)

8pm Martin And Roman's Irish Road Trip begins on the south coast in County Cork

7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Martin And Roman's Irish Road Trip NEW (1/3) Martin and Roman Kemp explore Ireland, beginning in County Cork, where they go kayaking, visit the former prison Spike Island and join a community storytelling group. (S)
9.00 Celebrity Hunted A daring escape plot is hatched in Brighton. Two of the celebs tap into a military network for intel and support. But the Hunters have picked up their signal and are closing in. (S)
10.00 Secret Lives Of Gypsy Wives Trewley clashes with her older sisters when they try to stop her going out to meet a friend, claiming she should still be subject to curfews and chaperones. Mum Tina joins everyone at the launch party for Trewley's new make-up range, which raises enough money to treat the family to a holiday. (S)
11.05 Surgery Secrets Of The Super Rich (4/6) Hannah has a non-surgical liquid nose job, and Hollie tackles years of sun damage with laser technology. (R,S)
12.05 Secrets Of The Celebrity Sex Tapes (S) **12.55** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (R,S,SL) **1.50** Murder Case: The Digital Detectives (R,S,SL) **2.40** FILM Saba. Drama starring Mehazabien Chowdhury. In Bengali. (2024) ✪✪✪✪ **4.20** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R,S) **4.40** Hollyoaks Omnibus (R,S,SL) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis (S)
12.45 5 News (S)
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)
2.20 My Fatal Memory FILM After a violent car accident robs Grace of her memory, a handsome stranger enters her life, insisting they are lovers. Thriller starring Kate Watson and Houston Rhine. (2022) ✪✪ (S)
4.00 Castle Beckett and Castle investigate when an astronaut is murdered during a simulation for a mission to Mars, a private venture funded by internet billionaire Viggo Jansen. (R,S)
4.55 Love Nature Cameras focus on the Cornish Seal Sanctuary, which rehabilitates around 70 seal pups a year. (R,S)
5.00 5 News At 5 (S)
6.00 Sardinia: Jewel Of The Med Exploring the Italian island of Sardinia and its countless historic sites. (R,S)
6.55 5 News With Dan Walker (S)

8pm Police officer Brad features in Street Cops: Catching The Yobs

7.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (5/10) Humberside Police gets multiple calls about a potential drink driver all over the road, so PC Joe Gorman races to try to catch up with him before he has a serious collision. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 Street Cops: Catching The Yobs Josh hunts down an e-biker who appears to chuck something in the bushes while running from the law, while a driver pulled over for speeding gets more than he bargained for. (S)
9.00 Fare Dodgers: At War With The Law Transport for London investigators hunt for a suspected fare evader. (S)
10.00 Police Interceptors: Taking Down The Shoplifting Gangs Detectives in Cheshire investigate a prolific international criminal gang responsible for stealing £160,000 worth of premium goods from Asda. (R,S)
11.05 Traffic Cops (7/20) A thief leads the police on a dangerous pursuit. (R,S)
12.05 Car Pound Cops (R,S) **1.00** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.00** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **2.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **3.00** Castle (R,S) **3.50** Friends (R,S) **4.35** Yorkshire With Jane McDonald (R,S,SL) **5.25** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL) **5.50-6am** The Adventures Of Paddington (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Ffasiwn Drefn **12.30** Heno **1.00** Straeon Harri Parri **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Y Sioe 2026 **4.00** Awr Fawr: Blwi **4.10** Sam Tan **4.20** Anifeiliaid Bach Y Byd **4.30** Crawc A'i Ffrindiau **4.40** Dal Dy Ddannedd **5.00** Stwnsh: Prys A'r Pryfed **5.10** Seligo **5.15** He-Man A Meistri'r Bydysawd **5.40** Parti **6.00** Arfordir Cymru: Sir Benfro **6.30** Rafío+ **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Sgwrs Dan Y Lloer **8.25** Garddio A Mwy **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Cefn Gwlad **9.58** Y Tywydd **10.00** Y Deis **10.30-11.35pm** Y Fets ITV WALES: **10.45-11.45pm** Deal Or No Deal: Celebrity Special

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MEMORIES . . . Alex and Roman

Stacey sleeps with celebrities

DOOLEY GOES UNDER COVERS AGAIN

STACEY DOOLEY has had some odd sleepovers in the name of TV, from a nine-year-old YouTuber gun expert to a benefits queen.

But the documentary maker is reaching for the stars this time as I can reveal her next series will see her shack up with celebrities.

A string of household names and their families have signed up to allow the former Strictly champ to spend a weekend at their home for her show Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over.

Stacey's only brush with fame so far on the show has been with notorious adult content creator **LILY PHILLIPS**.

A source said: "Stacey's sleepovers are so popular with viewers and critics alike because the format allows her subjects to really open up, exposing the good and – let's face it – sometimes the bad about their personality, relationships and lifestyle.

"It always makes for a raw and real

OVERNIGHT SUCCESS . . . host Stacey

take on whoever is hosting Stacey and it suits her style brilliantly.

"This will be her first celebrity series and it'll be fascinating to see how the stars react under the format."

Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over began in 2019 and has spanned four series featuring UK contributors, plus two series of the American spin-off, Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over USA.

Her hosts have included a teenage cagefighter, a Mormon family, a child model, some eco warriors, a family living with disabilities and a 70-year-old dominatrix.

Filming of the celeb run is set to take place in September, with the cast to be revealed soon.

Given the chop

This seventh series – created by BBC Studios – will be airing on UKTV's U&W channel, Channel 4 and BBC iPlayer.

It comes after the BBC axed a similar effort from **ALISON HAMMOND**.

Her BBC One show, Big Weekender, saw her stay over with celebrities including **PERRIE EDWARDS**, **LENNY HENRY** and **MEL B**.

But Alison's 2025 six-parter was given the chop earlier this year, after poor ratings.

SPECIAL ONE FOR 20 YEARS

THE One Show will welcome back former presenters CHRISTINE LAMPARD and MATT BAKER as the BBC show celebrates 20 years on the air this week.

ADRIAN CHILES will also be popping up in a special film.

ALEX JONES and ROMAN KEMP will front a week of special programmes, kicking off today at 7pm.

Expect celebrity guests, reunions and stories that have captivated viewers over the last two decades.

The celebrations will culminate with an hour-long anniversary special on Friday.

Alex and Roman will be joined by regulars ANGELLICA BELL, CLARA AMFO, JB GILL, LAUREN LAVERNE and VERNON KAY.

Alex said: "I'm looking forward to reminiscing, reminding myself of brilliant moments and having some of the past presenters back with us."

TELLY hosts **PADDY McGUINNESS** and **ZOE BALL** are set to join Celebrity MasterChef as guest judges, alongside I'm A Celeb winner **ANGRYGINGE**. The trio will join hosts **GRACE DENT** and **GIORGIO LOCATELLI** for the spin-off series, which returns to BBC One on August 18.

ROB HAS NOTHING TO DO

DAYTIME favourite Money For Nothing is back, with a familiar face helping turn trash into treasure.

Expert carpenter ROB BENT joins the BBC One show as a new presenter. Viewers will recognise him from STACEY SOLOMON's Sort Your Life Out and ALAN CARR's Interior Design Masters.

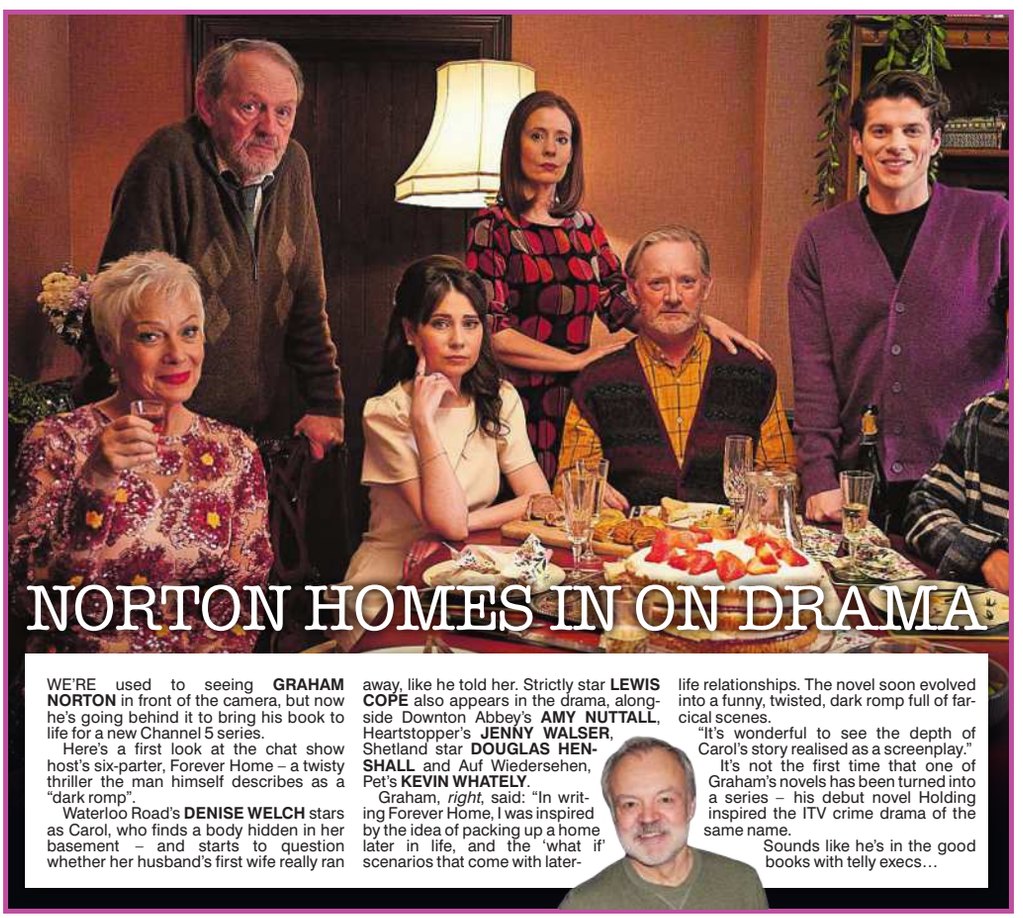
NEW. . . Bent

With more than 20 years' experience turning his hand to innovative storage solutions and full-scale home renovations, Rob is now ready to work his magic for the series.

He joins SARAH MOORE and JACQUI JOSEPH as they rescue unwanted items from recycling centres and give them a new lease of life.

Money For Nothing returns with its new series from August 31.

More listings: Pages 30 & 31



NORTON HOMES IN ON DRAMA

WE'RE used to seeing **GRAHAM NORTON** in front of the camera, but now he's going behind it to bring his book to life for a new Channel 5 series.

Here's a first look at the chat show host's six-parter, Forever Home – a twisty thriller the man himself describes as a "dark romp".

Waterloo Road's **DENISE WELCH** stars as Carol, who finds a body hidden in her basement – and starts to question whether her husband's first wife really ran away, like he told her. Strictly star **LEWIS COPE** also appears in the drama, alongside Downton Abbey's **AMY NUTTALL**, Heartstopper's **JENNY WALSER**, Shetland star **DOUGLAS HENSHALL** and Auf Wiedersehen, Pet's **KEVIN WHATELY**.

Graham, *right*, said: "In writing Forever Home, I was inspired by the idea of packing up a home later in life, and the 'what if' scenarios that come with later-life relationships. The novel soon evolved into a funny, twisted, dark romp full of farcical scenes.

"It's wonderful to see the depth of Carol's story realised as a screenplay."

It's not the first time that one of Graham's novels has been turned into a series – his debut novel Holding inspired the ITV crime drama of the same name.

Sounds like he's in the good books with telly execs…

IAIN GETS ROASTED BY JOEL

THE tables turn on IAIN STIRLING in the return of his comedy series Roast The Internet.

He becomes the butt of the joke when funnyman pal JOEL DOMMETT looks back at all his old posts and lets rip. But Love Island narrator Iain took it in good humour.

"Joel doing stand-up comedy about every single thing I've ever posted on the internet and destroying my self-confidence and self-worth... haha!" laughed Iain.

POSTS . . . Iain

"Now, every time I post on the internet, I imagine Joel at home with his wife and kids doing a little skit about me."

Joining Iain on the Comedy Central show, on which guests reveal their biggest online gripes, are a host of big names, including JONATHAN ROSS.

"I look up to that man, so it was really cool having him on the show," said Iain.

"KATHERINE RYAN was also great – perfect for this show."

Roast The Internet returns on September 7.

HEATED Rivalry will return next spring with some new hunks. **HUDSON WILLIAMS** and **CONNOR STORRIE** will reprise their roles in Sky's steamy hockey drama, with Jurassic World actor **JUSTICE SMITH** and Splitsville's **CHARLIE GILLESPIE** joining the cast for series two.

A SWEET DEAL FOR DRAGONS

A GEORDIE duo who call themselves "the Ant and Dec of the sweet world" are going on Dragons' Den in a bid to expand their business.

Sean Robinson and John Gray sell old-school treats such as gobstoppers at Mr Swainston's Traditional Sweet Emporium in South Shields.

BID . . . duo

But they need the Dragons to invest in their business to help it grow.

The duo ask them for £50,000 in exchange for a ten per cent share of the business.

Flat-cap wearing John says: "We believe with your investment and support, we can grow to be the biggest traditional sweet shop in a modern world."

Tune in to BBC One on August 20 at 8pm to see if the lads get their money.

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7pm The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00** The Great British Sewing Bee **9.00** Top Gear: Burma Special **11.05** Tommy: The Good. The Bad. The Fury **1.35-2.05am** Drugs Map Of Britain

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm The Architecture The Railways Built **7.40** The Flying Gardener **8.00** The Art Of Spain **9.00** Mastermind **9.30** Call My Bluff **10.00** The Sky At Night **10.30** The Golden Age Of Spanish Painting: Omnibus **11.20** One Hundred Great Paintings **11.35** Britain's Lost Waterlands: Escape To Swallows And Amazons Country **12.35** The Flying Gardener **12.50** The Art Of Spain **1.50-2.40am** The Golden Age Of Spanish Painting: Omnibus

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dress To Impress **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Salt Lake City **8.20** The Real Housewives Of Orange County **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.10** Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Supermarket Sweep **2.10** The Floor USA **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Salt Lake City **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Orange County **5.55** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** The Floor USA **8.00** The 1% Club **9.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.00** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30-1.55am** Plebs

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.10** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.35** Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Grantchester **11.50** Trial & Retribution **1.25-2.20am** Poirot

ITV4 freeview 26

6am Magnum, PI **8.05** Robin Of Sherwood **9.10** Boon **10.20** The Professionals **11.25** Robin Of Sherwood **12.35** Magnum, PI **2.40** Dempsey And Makepeace **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **5.55** Minder **7.00** River Monsters **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00 FILM** Under Siege 2: Dark Territory. Action adventure sequel starring Steven Seagal. (1995) **11.10** Star Trek: Strange New Worlds **12.10-1.05am** Lost

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6am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **11.00** Below Deck: Mediterranean **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **6.30** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Vanderpump Rules **9.00** Below Deck Down Under **10.00** Gogglebox **11.00** Naked Attraction **12.05-1.10am** First Dates

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8.55am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** 24 Hours In A&E **11.05** 999: On The Front Line **12.05** Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.10-2.15am** 24 Hours In A&E

SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: Canada's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7 **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation **8.00** Police 24/7 **9.00** Evil **10.00** Caught On Dashcam **11.00** Grimm **12.00** Fantasy Island **1.00-2am** Police 24/7

GORY STORY . . . rich teens are stalked by a serial killer in The Shards

THE SHARDS
Disney+

TEEN dramas are all the rage and with small-screen impresario Ryan Murphy at the helm of this one, it should be a surefire ratings hit.

But The Shards fails to capture the essence of what made shows like Heated Rivalry and Off Campus such hot property.

Murphy's take on American Psycho author Bret Easton Ellis's latest novel has the makings of a cult series.

In Eighties Hollywood, a group of rich kids are under threat from serial killer The Trawler, who murders youngsters and attaches dead animals to their bodies. But it is not as gory as it sounds.

While it's not your typical summer romance, the cast of beautiful young things should have been enough to raise temperatures. However, there is a disappointing lack of hot stuff in the first episode.

Narrator Bret says of his 1981 high school senior year: "Some of us survived high school, some didn't… none of us made it out alive." But is it just teen angst or does everyone end up dead? Igby Rigney plays Bret, who is exploring his sexuality with both boys and girls.

He becomes obsessed with school newbie Robert Mallory, an unsettlingly handsome and enigmatic student whose arrival coincides with the deaths.

Robert is played by Homer Gere, the son of Hollywood legend Richard – and he's not the only nepo baby to feature.

Kaia Gerber, daughter of supermodel Cindy Crawford, stars as popular girl Susan Reynolds. Her beauty is almost

BBC Four 10pm Professor Brian Cox joins The Sky At Night team

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7.25am Top Gear **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein's Cornwall **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Man And Beast With Martin Clunes **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **5.00** Rick Stein's Cornwall **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? The Unseen Bits **8.20** Would I Lie To You? At Christmas **9.00** Have I Got 2021 News For You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Taskmaster **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40** Would I Lie To You? The Unseen Bits **1.20-2am** Would I Lie To You? At Christmas

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7.15am The Bill **8.05** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Classic Neighbours **3.00** Whitstable Pearl **4.05** Lovejoy **5.20** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Luther **12.40** Lovejoy **1.50-2.50am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

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6am Celebrity Fantasy Homes **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Repair Shop. The team transforms a painting by notable Scottish artist Stanley Cursitor. **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **11pm-2am** Help! My House Is Haunted

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6.10am Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases **11.00** Hitler's Countdown To War **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** Hitler's Countdown To War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** A Perfect Planet **8.00** Canal Boat Diaries **9.00** Portillo's Empire Journey **10.00** Bangers & Cash **12.00-1.00am** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics

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6.15am Property Brothers At Home: Drew's Honeymoon House **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **12.00** DIY SOS Strictly Special **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers At Home: Drew's Honeymoon House **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** Pete Wicks: For Dogs' Sake **9.00** One Born Every Minute **11.00** First Responders **1.00** Inside The Ambulance **1.35-3am** Sort Your Life Out With Stacey Solomon

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6am Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Opal Hunters **1.00** The Repair Shop **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Drive It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** Shed and Buried: Classic Cars **9.00** Ant Anstead: Born Mechanic **10.00** MotoGP Highlights **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

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8am Rising Damp **8.35** Duty Free **9.05** Never The Twain **9.35** On The Buses **10.10** Bread **10.45** Steptoe And Son **11.25** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **12.00** Rising Damp **12.30** Man About The House **1.05** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.40** When The Boat Comes In **2.45** Minder **3.50** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.15** Rising Damp **6.50** Steptoe And Son **7.20** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **9.55** Shameless **11.00** Man About The House **11.30** Mind Your Language **12.05** Benidorm **1.00-2.05am** Minder

SPORT

Sky Sports Main Event 7.45pm George Birch and Exeter City meet Plymouth Argyle

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Sky Sports Catch Up **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** LIVE The Hundred. Trent Rockets Women v Southern Brave. Start-time at 3.00. **6.00** LIVE The Hundred. Trent Rockets Men v Southern Brave Men. Start-time at 6.30. **7.45** LIVE EFL Cup. Plymouth Argyle v Exeter City. Kick-off at 8.00. Coverage of the southern section first-round match at Home Park. **10.30** Paper Talk **11.00** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. **12.00** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. **3.00-4am** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am PL Greatest Games **7.00** Premier League Best Goals **8.00** PL 100 Club **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** PL Highlights **3.00** SNF **3.30** PL Highlights **4.00** SNF **5.00** City: PL Champions Again **6.00** Brazilians In The Premier League **7.00** The Transfer Show **8.00** PL Review **9.00** Transfer 360 **10.00** Premier League Stories **10.30** Away From Home **11.00** PL Years **1.00-3am** PL Retro

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am EFL Highlights **8.00** EFL **9.00** SPFL Round-Up **9.15** SPFL Highlights **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **12.00** EFL Cup Highlights **1.30** SPFL Round-Up **1.45** SPFL Highlights **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** Championship Season Review **4.00** EFL: The Play-Offs At 40 **5.30** SPFL Round-Up **5.45** SPFL Highlights **6.00** EFL Cup Highlights **7.00** LIVE EFL Cup. Plymouth Argyle v Exeter City. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.30** EFL Greatest Games **11.00** Championship Season Review **12.00** EFL Cup Highlights **1.00-3am** Championship Retro

SKY SPORTS ACTION

6am Betfred Super League **11.30** Betfred Super League Highlights **12.00** NFL Highlights **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **8.00** LIVE Zuffa Boxing. Aaron McKenna v Etinosa Oliha. **9.00** MVP Boxing **10.00** NFL Bitesize Highlights **10.15** NFL Highlights **10.30** NFL Bitesize Highlights **11.00** NFL Highlights **12.00** The Insiders **1.00** LIVE WNBA. Atlanta Dream v Toronto Tempo. Tip-off at 1.00. **3.30-5.30am** LIVE WNBA. Seattle Storm v Chicago Sky. Tip-off at 3.00.

SKY SPORTS +

6am Sky Sports Catch Up **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **8.00** Betfred Super League **10.50** My Icon: Leon Pryce **11.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** Sports Desk **4.00** The Transfer Show **4.30** Sports Desk **5.00** Sky Sports News **7.00** The Transfer Show **8.00** Sports Centre **9.00** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. **11.00** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. **12.00** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. **3.00-4am** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6am The Hundred **9.15** The Hundred Bitesize **9.45** The Hundred Bitesize **10.15** The Hundred Bitesize **10.45** The Hundred **2.15** The Hundred Bitesize **2.45** LIVE The Hundred. Trent Rockets Women v Southern Brave. **6.00** LIVE The Hundred. Trent Rockets Men v Southern Brave Men. **9.30** The Hundred Bitesize **9.45** The Hundred Bitesize **10.00** The Hundred **1.30** The Hundred Bitesize **1.45-2am** The Hundred Bitesize

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6am Chronicles Of A Champion Golfer **7.00** Legends Tour Golf **8.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **12.00** PGA Tour Golf **6.00** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **6.30** DP World Tour Golf **7.00** PGA Tour Golf **8.00** PGA Tour Champions **9.00** Scotland's Greatest Golf Holes **10.00** PGA Tour Golf **11.00** Legends Tour Golf **12.00-1am** Justin Rose: Chasing Forever

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky One 8pm Ashley Jensen stars as amateur sleuth Agatha Raisin

SKY ONE

6am Mornings **7.00** Mornings With Ridge And Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **9.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **10.00** Will & Grace **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Ningaloo: Australia's Ocean Wonder **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Animal Control. Comedy, starring Joel McHale. **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Agatha Raisin. The sleuth's break in Norfolk is interrupted when she is hired to prove that a woman's wealthy husband is having an affair, but it soon turns into a case of murder. **10.00** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver **10.45** Animal Control **11.45** Grimm **12.40** The Force: Manchester **1.30-2am** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Fish Town **8.00** Billions **10.15** House Of The Dragon **12.30** Homicide: Life On The Street **2.15** Billions **4.30** The Last Of Us **6.45** The Penguin **9.00** House Of The Dragon. Game of Thrones prequel starring Matt Smith. Last in the series. **10.25** Possession. Supernatural thriller starring Gugu Mbatha-Raw. **11.25** Possession **12.30** Dune: Prophecy **1.45-2.55am** Billions

SKY WITNESS

6am Bondi Rescue **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Send In The Dogs **9.00** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **10.00** Stop, Search, Seize **11.00** Bull **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenager saved from danger pleads to be reunited with her father. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. A magazine publisher is killed. **11.00** The Rookie. John and Celina step up the hunt for a fugitive after a car accident goes awry. **12.00-2am** FBI

U&GOLD

7.05am Don't Wait Up **7.50** Dad **8.25** Only Fools And Horses **9.05** The Green Green Grass **9.45** Are You Being Served? **10.25** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.40** Dad **12.20** Only Fools And Horses **1.00** Keeping Up Appearances **1.40** Dad's Army **2.20** The Green Green Grass **3.00** Are You Being Served? **3.40** Dad **4.20** Dad's Army **5.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances. Richard's birthday gift brings trouble. **7.00** Only Fools And Horses. Del plans a spot of salmon-poaching. **7.40** Dad's Army. The men head off for a weekend at a training camp. **8.20** Are You Being Served? The staff plan a wedding reception. **9.00** Porridge. Godber revises for an exam. **9.40** The Office. The new members of staff arrive from Swindon. **10.20** Not Going Out. Lucy announces she is pregnant, causing Lee to wonder if he is the father. **11.00** Mrs Brown's Boys **12.20** Porridge **1.00** The Office **1.40-2.25am** Not Going Out

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am Impractical Jokers **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** The Upper Hand **1.00** Friends **9.00** Stupid Central **10.00** Mr Bean **11.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **12.00** Most Ridiculous **1.00-2am** South Park

U&ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Death In Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex. Charlie and Rex find a stranger dying in their kitchen. **6.00** Body Of Proof. Megan investigates the death of a homicide detective. **7.00** Private Eyes. Shade and Angie go undercover in a medieval-themed restaurant. **8.00** My Life Is Murder. After an influencer dies while livestreaming, Alexa investigates his girlfriend's cheer squad. **9.00** Death In Paradise. Part one of two. The Caribbean police's latest murder inquiry takes them to London. **10.00** Father Brown. Rehearsals for a play are derailed by a dramatic death. **11.00** Private Eyes **12.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.00-2am** Death In Paradise

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** Upright **11.20** Will & Grace **12.20** The Comeback **1.40** Upright **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** The Office Movers **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** The Office Movers **9.00** Real Time With Bill Maher. The comedian and guests discuss the week's events. **10.10** Warren's Vortex. Comedy, starring Maaka Pohatu. **11.10** The Reluctant Landlord **12.10** The Comeback **1.25-2.25am** Community

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** The Pool Master **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Supercar Showroom. DJ Tom Zanetti heads to the showroom to test drive a newly wrapped Porsche 911. **8.00** Ant Anstead Master Mechanic **9.00** Maine Cabin Masters. Chase Morrill and his team are hired to finish a cabin for a homeowner. **10.00** Building Off The Grid. A couple try to build a geodesic dome with a view of a mountain range. **11.00** The Alaska Triangle **12.00** Deadliest Catch **1.00-2am** Maine Cabin Masters

RADIO

Radio 2 2pm DJ Spoony presents music ans chat as he sits in for Trevor Nelson

VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

6.30am Chris Evans **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Geoff Lloyd **10.00** Goldierocks **2.00-6.30am** Steve Denyer

TALKRADIO DAB talkradio.co.uk

6am Ian Collins **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** David Bull **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **10.00** Petrie Hosken **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Through The Papers

TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

6am TalkSPORT Breakfast With Jeff Stelling **10.00** Max Scott & Darragh McAnthony **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive **7.00** The Transfer Insiders **10.00** The Sports

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overbearing and she stands out like a sore thumb playing a school student.

Murphy's previous projects, American Horror Story and The Beauty, have been original and gritty, but this feels like a pastiche of other people's work, with references to slasher film Scream and Netflix series Riverdale, where teens die in sinister fashion.

Visually, The Shards is stylish and beautiful. Its soundtrack hits the spot too, with '80s classics including Ultravox's Vienna and The Stranglers' Golden Brown.

But a bit more gore and sex is needed to make this a winner.

JANINE YAQOOB

ROMAN'S ROAD . . . Kemp junior

tv picks

MARTIN AND ROMAN'S IRISH ROAD TRIP, Channel 4, 8pm: As they drive through Ireland, there's plenty of the father-and-son banter the Kemps often display on the Celebrity Gogglebox sofa.

The pair have headed to where Martin used to live, to learn more about the Emerald Isle, its history and people.

In the opening episode, they take to kayaks and hear about the Queen of the Banshees, but admit they approach such stories from different angles, with Martin being open to believing, and Roman a little more dubious.

But he gains from experiencing Ireland alongside someone who embraces folklore with fewer questions. Roman says: "I was more of a sceptic on certain things – it's really important for people like me to be around those people that seemingly enjoy life in a different way."

MY LIFE IS MURDER, U&alibi, 8pm: A quick catch-up if you've missed the previous four seasons of this light-hearted murder mystery drama . . .

Alexa Crowe (Lucy Lawless) is a talented, quick-witted ex-cop, who uses her skills to help detective Harry solve baffling cases in Auckland, New Zealand.

This series kicks off with another cracking case as Alexa investigates the death of rugby player-turned-social media star, Wyatt Rutherford, who drowns while live streaming his ice bath.

The cops discover a lethal amount of drugs in his system, but something isn't adding up.

LONG LOST FAMILY– BORN WITHOUT TRACE, ITV1, 9pm: In 1949, at London's Waterloo Station, a baby was found abandoned in a train carriage.

That five-week-old was Christine, now 77, who has enlisted Davina, Nicky and the team to help uncover information about her parents.

Christine's desire to understand why her mother would give up a child is not only about her history, but because she went through a similar experience when she put her son up for adoption.

EUROPEAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS, BBC One and BBC Two, from 10.30am: Plenty of home heroes to cheer on as the event comes to Britain for the first time.

Gabby Logan and Jeanette Kwakye present all the action from Birmingham, including today's qualifiers for the shot put and triple jump.

RIANNE ISON

TNT SPORTS 1

6am MotoGP **7.00** LIVE Snooker China Open. Coverage from round one at Riverside Sports Centre in Taiyuan. **10.30** UEFA Champions League **11.00** UEFA Europa League **11.30** UEFA Conference League **12.00** Premier League Legends **12.30** LIVE Snooker China Open. Coverage from round one at Riverside Sports Centre in Taiyuan. **4.00** Premier League Legends **5.00** MLB Highlights **6.00** LIVE Ultimate Pool. Coverage of the Group A matches in the Super 8's of the Champions League tournament. **9.30** Cycling **9.45** CPL Highlights **10.15** Longines Global Champions Tour **11.15** MLB Highlights **12.15-3am** LIVE MLB. Atlanta Braves v New York Mets. Start-time at **12.15**. Coverage of the National League East match from Truist Park.

TNT SPORTS 2

6am LIV Golf **7.30** MotoGP **10.00** Cycling **11.00** Fencing World Championships **1.00** MLB Highlights **2.00** Cycling **3.00** MLB Plays of the Week **3.30** Fencing World Championships **5.30** Sign Up – Into Football **6.30** Longines Global Champions Tour **7.30** LIV Golf **9.00** Fishing: On the Bank **10.00** Cycling **11.00** Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Seattle Seahawks **12.00** World Series of Poker **1.00-2am** London Premier Padel

TNT SPORTS 3

6am Test Cricket Highlights **8.00** Cycling **9.00** Cycling **10.00** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **10.15** No Filter Football **10.30** LIVE European Athletics Championships. Coverage from the morning session on the first day of the event. **1.00** MLB Highlights **2.00** CPL Highlights **2.30** LIV Golf **4.00** Test Cricket Highlights **6.00** London Premier Padel **7.00** LIVE European Athletics Championships. Coverage from the night session on the first day of the event at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. **10.00** Snooker China Open **12.00-4am** Test Cricket Highlights

PREMIER SPORTS 1

6am Indikart Championship **7.00** Swedish Speedway **9.00** Football's Greatest **9.30** Brasileiro Serie A **1.30** Football's Greatest **2.00** Football **4.00** Temples Of Sport **4.30** Scottish Cup Football **6.30** Sporting Greats **7.00** FIM Sidecarcross Championship **8.00** Brasileiro Serie A **12.00** Football's Greatest **12.30-2.30am** Football

Bar **1.00** Extra Time With Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Early Sports Breakfast

TALKSPORT2 DAB talksport.com

8am TalkSPORT 2 Special **3.00** The Social **5.00** The Monday Club With William Hill **6.00** EFL All Access **7.00** TalkSPORT 2 Special **12.00-8am** My Sporting Life

TIMES RADIO DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6am Rosie Wright And Stig Abell **10.00** Ed Vaizey **1.00** Stephen Sackur **2.00** Fi Glover And Roya Nikkhah **4.00** Carolyn Quinn **7.00** Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00** The Best Of Times Radio **5.00-6am** Tom Nunan

RADIO 1 97.6-99.8FM bbc.co.uk/radio1

7am Breakfast With Greg James **11.00** Rickie, Melvin And Charlie **12.45** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt And Mollie **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Going Home With Vick, Katie And Jamie On Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** New Music Show **8.00** Future Artists **10.00** Power Down Playlist **11.00** Rock Show **1.00** BBC Introducing Rock On Radio 1 **2.00** Anthems **4.00** Pop Anthems **5.00-6.58am** Dean McCullough

RADIO 2 88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2

6.30am The Sara Cox Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Joel Dommett **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Edith Bowman **9.00** The Blues Show With Cerys Matthews **10.00** The Good Groove With Melvin Odoom **12.00** OJ Borg **2.30-3am** One Hit Wonders With OJ Borg

MOVIES

Sky Cinema Premiere 2.15pm June Squibb stars in Eleanor The Great

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

10.15am Song Sung Blue (12, 2025) ★★★★ **12.40 Seven Snipers** (15, 2026) ★★★ **2.15 Eleanor The Great** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **4.05 Looney Tunes: The Day The Earth Blew Up** (PG, 2024) ★★★ **5.40 Song Sung Blue** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **8.00 Seven Snipers** (15, 2026) ★★★ **9.30 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **11.05pm-1.05am Heretic** (15, 2024) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

11.05am Looney Tunes: The Day The Earth Blew Up (PG, 2024) ★★★ **12.40 Chicken Run** (U, 2000) ★★★★ **2.15 The Boss Baby** (U, 2017) ★★★★ **4.00 Hotel Transylvania** (U, 2012) ★★★★ **5.35 Dog Man** (U, 2025) ★★★★ **7.10 The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water** (U, 2015) ★★★★ **8.45 The Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists!** (U, 2012) ★★★★ **10.15 Pets On A Train** (PG, 2025) ★★★ **11.45pm-1.15am Into The Wonderwoods** (PG, 2024) ★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

10.30am Hellboy II: The Golden Army (12, 2008) ★★★★ **12.40 Snakes On A Plane** (15, 2006) ★★★ **2.30 The Scorpion King** (PG, 2002) ★★★ **4.10 S.W.A.T** (12, 2003) ★★★★ **6.10 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **8.00 Spider-Man: Homecoming** (12, 2017) ★★★★★ **10.20 Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves** (PG, 1991) ★★★★ **12.45-2.35am Long Gone Heroes** (15, 2024) ★★★

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11am Playing With Fire (PG, 2019) ★★★ **12.55 Steel Magnolias** (PG, 1989) ★★★★ **3.15 All That Heaven Allows** (U, 1955) ★★★★ **5.00 The Enemy Below** (PG, 1957) ★★★★ **7.05 Dog** (12, 2022) ★★★ **9.00 Angel Has Fallen** (15, 2019) ★★★★ **11.20-1.20am Peppermint** (15, 2018) ★★★★

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11.30am Inspector Hornleigh (U, 1939) ★★★ **1.00 Richard The Lionheart 1.30 Night Train To Paris** (U, 1964) ★★★ **2.45 The Men Of Sherwood Forest** (U, 1954) ★★ **4.20 I'm All Right Jack** (U, 1959) ★★★★★ **6.25 Scotland Yard 7.00 The Footage Detectives 8.00 Maigret 9.50 The Weak And The Wicked** (PG, 1954) ★★★ **11.35pm-1.40am Murders In Cornouaille** (15, 2018) ★★★

GREAT! MYSTERY freeview 50

1pm In Plain Sight 2.00 Castle 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 Castle 8.00 Unforgettable 9.00 In Plain Sight 10.00 Hailey Dean Mysteries 11.50pm-1.45am Ruby Herring Mysteries: Prediction Murder (PG, 2020) With Taylor Cole. ★★★

GREAT! ACTION freeview 42

11am We Dive At Dawn (U, 1943) ★★★ **1.00 The Unit 2.00 Burn Notice 4.00 Mercenary For Justice** (18, 2006) ★★ **6.00 The Unit 7.00 Burn Notice 9.00 Kingdom Of Heaven** (15, 2005) ★★★ **12.00-2am The Avengers**

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Fab DAILY

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6 WAYS TO STAY CHILLED

STRUGGLING to survive the never-ending heatwaves? We've got the fix, with Beauty Assistant ATIYYAH ADDO'S pick of the best cooling skincare products, all under £10.

Patchology Serve Chilled On Ice Firming Hydrogel Mask, £9.60, Space NK
Formulated with bakuchiol, peptide and cloudberry oil, this jelly mask stimulates collagen and brightens skin – so you'll look wide awake, even if you don't feel it.

Garnier Anti-Fatigue Hyaluronic Acid and Icy Cucumber Cryo Jelly Face Mask, £4.99, Superdrug
Hyaluronic acid, glycerin and menthol instantly cools the skin's temperature by 7C – plus, it plumps skin too.

M-Club Instant Cooling Mist, £6, Boots
Designed to provide quick relief in just one spritz. This cooling mist refreshes overheated skin, thanks to its revitalising non-sticky formula and moisturising properties. It's fine enough to even apply over make-up.

Luna Daily The Everywhere Cooling Spray, £8, LookFantastic
This soothing, hydrating body spray simultaneously reduces skin temperature and gently cleanses the skin. Perfect for freshening up on the go.

Prai Beauty MenoGlow Hot Flush Cool Fix Serum, £8, Prai Beauty
Anti-ageing ingredients reduce the appearance of wrinkles, while the innovative rollerball gel swiftly cools down hot and bothered skin – ideal for humid, sticky weather.

ESPA Isotonic Hydra Gel Eye Mask, £6, LookFantastic
Enhanced with antioxidants and natural extracts including red algae and snow mushroom, these nifty patches shrink puffy under-eyes in minutes.

For over two decades Alex Gear, 42, feared intimacy and would even make excuses to avoid it. Now he's speaking out to highlight how performance anxiety blighted his life . . .

I WAS SO SCARED OF SEX AT 40 I HAD A 24-HOUR PANIC ATTACK

By MEL FALLOWFIELD

SHEER panic filled the pit of Alex Gear's stomach as he lay with the woman sleeping next to him.

They'd just had sex and yet she was oblivious to his secret turmoil, which would last a full day and leave him struggling to breathe.

Alex was in the thick of a silent panic attack triggered by extreme performance anxiety, something that had plagued him for two decades.

He'd convinced himself he wasn't capable of pleasing any woman he slept with, which left him feeling "less" of a man and full of shame

At its worst, Alex avoided intimacy entirely. And when he did have sex he had to contend with the debilitating feelings that sent him spiralling immediately.

About 11.7million British men say they have struggled with sex at some point. One in eight experience problems every time, while six in ten have avoided sex altogether because of performance anxiety.

Alex's panic attack did not come out of the blue. He'd had the same overwhelming feelings after sex since his teens, but never before had they taken such a grip.

After that occasion in August 2023, he spent the next 24 hours unable to function normally.

'I dreaded having sex, terrified that they wouldn't enjoy it or would realise I wasn't good enough for them'

'Fight or flight'

Dad-of-two Alex, who lives near Stroud, Gloucestershire, says: "I was lying there, frozen with fear, feeling sick, with my stomach churning and heart pounding. I drifted off, but when I woke up I still felt the same.

"I was a stonemason back then and had to call in sick to work. I paced the flat, trying to breathe and calm myself, but nothing helped. I felt out of control, dizzy and nauseous.

"Eventually, exhausted, I managed to sleep the following night but it took 24 hours to feel 'normal' again."

The panic attack made Alex realise he needed help.

After months of treatment, including CBT, counselling and breath work, he has now been in a happy and fulfilling relationship with Heidi – the first woman he shared his anxieties with – for 18 months and the couple have a healthy sex life.

Alex believes his fear of sex is deep-rooted and years of being bullied in childhood may have contributed.

He says: "I was a quiet, shy and sensitive boy. I once had my face slammed against the wall, and a boy tried to gouge my eye out.

"It destroyed my confidence and left me feeling unworthy."

At 13, Alex became interested in girls but his shyness left him unable to speak to them.

"I'd avoid them if they came up to me," he says. "My heart would pound and I'd go into fight or flight, unable to speak."

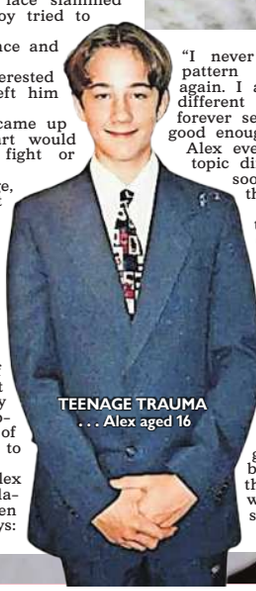
By 15, although underage, Alex used alcohol to boost his confidence around girls.

It was around this time, and after a few drinks, that he lost his virginity.

He recalls: "I was an absolute mass of nerves, but relieved once it was over and I could tell people I had done it. I felt as though it validated me.

"However, a couple of weeks later she ended it and I feared it was my fault for not doing it properly, which with the power of hindsight I realised added to my fear of sex."

Between 16 and 26, Alex had a string of short relationships and was often drunk during sex. He says:


TEENAGE TRAUMA . . . Alex aged 16

"I never confided in anyone. The pattern repeated time and time again. I always hoped sex would be different the next time and I was forever seeking validation that I was good enough."

Alex even found banter around the topic difficult to cope with and he soon turned to drugs to further mask his fear.

He says: "I'd freeze and then feel panicky if someone at work talked about sex.

"The only way I could communicate with female colleagues away from work was if I was drunk.

"Once I was in my 20s, I started taking recreational drugs like cocaine and ecstasy.

"It gave me false confidence, but at the time I thought it helped.

"Other times I'd avoid going home with a woman, because I was so fearful of the feelings of panic that would inevitably follow if we slept together."

It has been suggested that internet porn could contribute to performance anxiety. Searches have increased by 25 per cent in the UK and 19 per cent of men say it has heightened their body insecurities and performance anxiety.

Alex says: "Subconsciously I'm sure it had an effect on me and made me feel inferior. If that's all you've ever seen or heard and you can't match up to it then it will make you doubt yourself."

In 2008, aged 26, Alex met a woman called Sarah at a festival.

He had been heavily drinking, taking acid and had not slept for three days. But despite the chaotic circumstances, they began a relationship.

It was on and off for 13 years, but Alex managed to mask his true feelings throughout. He says: "By then I was dependent on alcohol.

"It was my longest relationship, but I still wasn't comfortable enough to tell her my fears. So I masked them and carried on having panic attacks in secret – our sex life and relationship suffered.

"Sarah got pregnant soon after we met and I allowed myself to get swept up in securing a mortgage and trying to live an adult life.

"I wasn't in a place to have a good relationship on any level." In March 2022, Alex's drink and drug addiction issues

TURNAROUND. . . with girlfriend Heidi

Picture by ADRIAN SHERATT

'Even after we'd slept together it didn't get better. I'd lie there pretending to sleep as I couldn't face cuddling them'

had spiralled. He says: "There were days when I'd wake up and have a drink at 8.30am. I was unhappy and full of shame.

"I ended up taking an accidental overdose – a cocktail of drugs and alcohol – and needed medical attention. I joined Cocaine Anonymous and got clean through their programme.

"I attended meetings and followed the 12 steps – the first one is admitting you have no control – and was supported by the others at the meeting.

Wake-up call

"When I was sober I could see that my relationship wasn't going to work because we were so different, so I ended it."

Single and free of his addictions, Alex tried online dating.

But his fear of intimacy remained. He'd make excuses not to go back to women's houses because he feared having sex.

He says: "Even afterwards, the panic remained. I would pretend I wanted to take the relationship slowly to avoid sex at the beginning.

"Then I'd come up with other excuses not to go back to their house, such as having an early meeting in the morning. Or I would make dates for the cinema or say my car had broken down. I dreaded having sex, terrified that they wouldn't enjoy it or would realise I wasn't good enough for them.

"Even after we'd slept together once, it didn't get better. I'd lie there pretending to be asleep because I couldn't face cuddling them."

The wake-up call came as Alex recovered from the panic attack which lasted a day. He explains: "I can't even remember what triggered it, but I was frightened the panic would never subside. I knew I couldn't carry on like that."

Alex started the mixture of group therapy, CBT and breath work, which he funded privately.

He says: "Opening up about the way I felt helped immeasurably. It was no longer a dark secret weighing on me. Until then I felt so alone in my shame.

"Hearing that it was called performance anxiety and was a recognised condition really helped.

"Talking to other men about their experiences in group therapy, and hearing how common it is, helped me the most.

"I journalled my thoughts and practised breathing exercises, which help to calm my nervous system."

In December 2024, Alex started dating admin worker Heidi, 36, who he met through a friend, and thanks to the progress he'd made during therapy, he felt able to confide in her.

Alex recalls: "It was three months before I felt ready to be intimate.

"By then, I'd been having therapy for over a year and was able to tell her that I felt anxious. She was incredibly understanding and would listen while I talked it through with her. She makes me feel very comfortable and at ease."

Driven by a need to support men like him, Alex has since given up his job as a stonemason to become a male sex coach.

He says there is a misconception that men can easily shake off insecurities around sex, and fears that the rise in porn use is fuelling it – a narrative he's keen to change.

Alex says: "There isn't one man who's come to see me who says porn hasn't contributed to their issues. I'm relieved that in my youth it wasn't nearly as accessible.

"It's teaching men the wrong things, showing them a fake and unachievable standard to aim for and the sooner we start talking about that, the better."

● **Some names have been changed. For help and advice follow Alex on @intimacyanxiety-alex or see alex-gear.com.**

Fab DAILY HOT or NOT

GOING UP

FLIPPIN' HECK

A FLIP-FLOP with a kitten heel sounds like a bad clash of shoe genres. But flip-flop brand Havaianas' new creation, unveiled at Copenhagen Fashion Week, is guaranteed to elevate your casual wardrobe and lengthen your pins. A must-have.

GOING FOR GOLD

THE sultry coconut and amber notes of Estee Lauder's £59 Bronze Goddess eau de parfum have reached cult status, but Aldi's magical dupe, Lacura Golden Solstice eau de parfum, will transport you to the Caribbean for just £6.99.

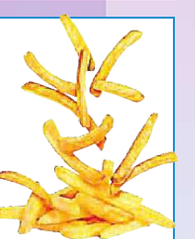
THE REEL DEAL

IF the kids are getting bored already, fear not – a new dino movie, The End of Oak Street, starring Ewan McGregor and Anne Hathaway, is out Friday. It tells the tale of the Platt family after their house is transported to a strange place . . .

SPACE INVADERS

THERE are rumours that Noughties social media platform MySpace is to make a comeback. But much of Gen Z see the site as creaky and outdated, and we're hardly in need of another social media platform are we?

CHIPS ARE DOWN



BRITAIN'S potato crop is suffering under this year's intense heatwaves. And farming conglomerate 3Ms warns that potatoes stop growing once temperatures pass 30C, resulting in shorter chips everywhere.

LOW BROW

ANYONE who remembers the 90s craze for plucking our eyebrows to within an inch of their life will be dismayed at the eyebrow slit trend on TikTok. It's supposed to be cool, but there's a good chance you'll end up with a bare patch.

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Greek fling said he'd tell hubby

Dear Deidre

WHAT was supposed to be a fun summer break with a few girlfriends turned into a nightmare after I made a huge mistake.

I am 29 and a few months ago I went to Greece on an all-girls trip.

One night in a bar we started chatting to a group of local guys who seemed like good fun.

One of them who looked around 40, was clearly interested in me but I kept my distance that first night.

From then on we seemed to run into them everywhere we went.

During one of those nights out, this same man was there, friendly and buying us lots of drinks.

I ended up getting really drunk and gave in to temptation.

I went back to his place and we had sex.

The next day, when he asked for my phone number, I felt flattered and stupidly shared it.

Once I got back home, he texted, suggesting we keep things going with phone sex. Part of me was secretly pleased he was still interested but when I told him I didn't feel comfortable as I was married his behaviour completely changed.

He told me I had better do what he wanted or my husband would find out everything.

He claimed he had filmed us that night and threatened to send the video straight to my husband. I went into a huge panic. I was so scared of him carrying out his threats that I went along with it, exchanging half-hearted sexual texts with him.

His messages became so degrading. Eventually I realised the best thing to do was just stop replying completely.

Once I stopped, his messages petered out. I can't believe I let myself get involved with such a creep. I think men like him target married women.

I wasn't the only one on that holiday to cheat with a local man.

One of my friends on the trip was single and nobody showed her any interest at all. It was a scary lesson and I won't take a risk like that again.

Is there anything I could do about the man who tried to blackmail me?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: This is a reminder, if any were needed, to be very careful on holiday.

Resorts are hotspots for predators, blackmailers and sexual infections.

It would be worth reporting what happened to the police, so they can make the authorities in Greece aware.

If enough women speak out, men like him can be stopped and punished.

If you go on another similar trip, the best way to keep yourself safe and protected is not to cheat.

dear deidre

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HER EXES MAKE ME FEEL SICK

Dear Deidre

EVERY time I look at my girlfriend I think of all the lovers she's had. It makes me feel sick to my stomach.

I am 29 and she is 27. We have been together for almost a year but since she told me the number, it feels as if everything between us has been ruined.

She casually dropped it into conversation recently, confessing she has been to bed with around 25 men.

Just thinking about all those other guys touching her and being intimately involved with her makes me so angry.

My own record is around the same number but that is completely different.

It makes me so angry. I can't get the images of her having sex with all of these other men out of my head. It is driving me crazy.

I feel humiliated, bitter and betrayed. How am I supposed to touch her when all I see are 25 other men? I don't think I can take it much longer.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: It is hypocritical to react like this when you have had almost the exact same number of sexual partners yourself.

She can't change her sexual history and, in any case, her past has made her the person you love today.

Ask yourself honestly why your past experiences were any different from your girlfriend's. Reflecting on this obvious double standard will help you realise that a meaningless casual encounter or one-night stand is poles apart from a loving, committed relationship, which is something you share.

Her past doesn't define her or make her feelings for you any less.

HOT LOVER'S NO LONGER INTERESTED

Dear Deidre

BLOWING up my world for my personal trainer wasn't worth it. I have ended up with nothing.

I am 38 and married. My husband is 39. I fell head over heels into a passionate fling with my trainer, 26.

I was bowled over by the incredible sex and his promises. He said his marriage was a mistake and begged me to leave my husband for him.

I walked away from my marriage, expecting him to do the same.

When he stayed put, I was gutted. But he eventually left his wife and I thought our life together was starting.

Instead, he dropped me. Last week, I spotted him in town with his arm around another woman.

When I confronted him by text, he casually said he only wanted to be friends, and that I'd made a mistake leaving my husband. It was so cold.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Do you regret leaving your husband because you realise you love him and want to save your marriage, or because you have been left high and dry?

Only if your answer is the former, think about whether your husband might consider taking you back.

Talk openly with him about why your marriage broke down in the first place and what steps you can both take to get things back on track. My support pack Cheating – Can You Get Over It? will help.

If you only regret your decision because you have been let down by the personal trainer, it wouldn't be fair to try to patch up your marriage.

hot topic

DECIDING whether to end a marriage can be one of the biggest decisions you'll ever face.

Love, history, children, finances and the fear of starting again can all make it hard to know what the right choice is.

If you're struggling to decide what comes next, my support pack Thinking Of Divorce? can help.

stories deidre's photo casebook

HANNAH'S FAUX FRIEND: **DAY 1**

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CONTINUES TOMORROW

Dear Deidre

SOME mutual friends spotted my profile on a dating website and immediately tipped off my wife. She is now threatening to leave me over a total misunderstanding and I am devastated.

When she confronted me, she was in a rage. I had never seen her so angry. I tried to explain the truth, that I was just bored and curious.

I never paid for a subscription, I never messaged anyone, and I have certainly never cheated on her.

Despite my explanation, she wasn't in the mood to listen and now she just won't drop it. I am 34 and she is 33. We have two girls aged eight and five.

Our home has turned into a war zone.

Every argument we have turns into her interrogating me about my loyalty and commitment. The other day, I forgot to feed the dog and she blew up, ranting about me and the website right in front of our children. Now they are scared and think we are getting a divorce.

We have tried reassuring them that we are staying together but the tension in the house has become unbearable.

We can't stop fighting. I love my family but to be honest I can't face any more of her endless accusations over one stupid mistake.

Am I mad for thinking that I should just pack my bags and leave?

WIFE'S FURIOUS I HAD DATING APP

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Walking away now would be a massive mistake when you haven't given your marriage one last shot.

Your wife is deeply hurt that you looked elsewhere. You need to ask yourself how you would have reacted if the roles were reversed. Right now, your children are bearing the brunt of this unbearable tension at home.

For their sake, home arguments must become strictly off-limits. It is so damaging for them to hear you at each other's throats.

Instead of letting resentment destroy your family, you both need to work out what drove you to that site in the first place.

Suggest to her that you both look into couples counselling through tavistockrelationships.org (020 7380 1975), to help rebuild trust.

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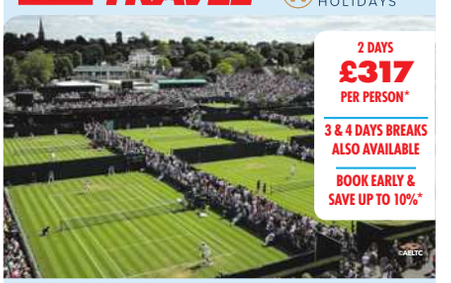

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The page where you tell Britain what you think

GOOD to see TV's Paddy McGuinness on a date with BBC publicist and yoga instructor Emma Carey.

But Paddy still shares a house with ex-wife Christine four years after they split. I'm not sure how many women would put up with that.

SUE WALTERS
Annacloy, Co Down

THE public will decide if an Edinburgh Fringe show by Amanda Knox, who was wrongly convicted of murdering her pal, is popular.

It got a standing ovation from some but was slammed by others. Those trying to block it don't represent the public opinion.

BRIAN HOBBS
Bristol

I'VE never heard of most of the new Strictly line-up! But during the drab days of autumn, this dancing delight will lighten our mood.

MARY WINDSOR
Mansfield, Notts

BLUNDERS by police, courts and prosecutors left serial predator Simon Levy free to murder two women – this shows just how broken our justice system is.

SUSAN JONES
Worcester Park, Surrey

I FIND it a bit strange that JD Wetherspoon has banned Meta's AI glasses considering staff in some of their pubs have previously worn body cameras.

AL FULLER
Darlington, Co Durham

Burnham tour waste of time

£50 LETTER

SO Prime Minister Andy Burnham has announced a UK 'cost-of-living tour' to ask the public how he can improve their lives.

It's just another Labour gimmick, no doubt talking to hand-picked audiences with hand-picked questions.

Typical useless Labour propaganda that will fool nobody.

ROBERT MARSHALL
Sheffield

THE PM going on a national tour to find out what people want? What a load of tripe.

He already knows – just run the country for the British people, lower taxes and get rid of Net Zero.

DOUG HARDING
Cheshunt, Herts

BURNHAM wants to travel the country and ask us about our cost-of-living problems? If he doesn't know what the country needs by now, he's in the wrong job.

STEWART LOVATT
Leicester

OUR Prime Minister knows nothing about the cost of living as everything he does is paid for by other people.

Who is footing the bill for this tour he has planned? It would have been cheaper to hold a press conference.

KELVIN GLEN
Corringham, Essex

ANDY Burnham has two offices now, but he seems to want to get out and about even more. If he genuinely wants to improve people's lives, why doesn't he call a general election? Then he will see what we all want.

NIGEL NEWTON
Upminster, Essex

THE Government must be having a laugh. It is cutting VAT on our electricity bills from October, yet 73 per cent of our homes are heated by gas – which will not get a reduction.

In the meantime, we are giving Mozambique more than £13million to help it profit from selling natural gas.

It's crazy that taxpayers' money can just be given away.

ALAN WARD
Sleaford, Lincs

IDEAS . . . PM Andy

WE have yet another PM who doesn't know what to do so he goes on holiday to think about it.

We're in a serious cost-of-living crisis, yet we are sending millions of pounds to Mozambique. Why?

PHIL HUGHES
Broadstairs, Kent

IT would be political suicide for Andy Burnham to allow two of PC Andrew Harper's killers to walk free. Such is the outcry from the public, police and decent people everywhere, Burnham must do the right thing. Keeping them behind bars must be a priority.

JANE FISHER
Newcastle-upon-Tyne

WHAT kind of person needs to rethink the case of the Andrew Harper killers? It is obvious they should not be freed early.

WILLIAM HITCHMAN
Solihull, West Mids

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Synthetic, Porcupine, Ambushing, Sabotaged, Resilient, Scapegoat, Biography, HUSTLER

Quizword
ACROSS: 1 Curate's egg, 6 Scillies, 12 Dyson, 13 Estonia, 14 Bloom, 15 Biarritz, 16 Goldie Hawn, 18 Tralee, 20 Courage, 22 Levi, 25 Eli, 26 Brain, 27 Narcissus, 29 Two, 30 Nina Ricci, 31 Lloyd, 32 Boo, 34 Ware, 36 Van Gogh, 37 Anglia, 40 Ordination, 42 Moussaka, 45 Ewing, 46 Rossini, 47 Niles, 49 Tentacle, 50 Salma Hayek.
DOWN: 1 CID, 2 Rastafarian, 3 Tenor, 4 Sleuth, 5 Goth, 7 Chard, 8 Lib Dem, 9 Iron Age, 10 Semantics, 11 Endocrinology, 15 Bette, 17 Counting house, 19 Edberg, 21 Gorgon, 23 Garcia, 24 Wisden, 28 Sybil Fawlty, 30 New Forest, 33 Omaha, 35 Red Lion, 38 Enigma, 39 Sodium, 41 Tyrol, 43 Sindh, 44 FIFA, 48 Suk.

Futoshiki

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Pathfinder
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Pub Quiz
1 Some Like It Hot
2 Gangnam Style by Psy
3 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue
4 Golf (The Open Championship)
5 Buenos Aries
6 James Chadwick
7 John le Carre
8 Winston Churchill
9 [a] The essential nature of something
10 Caernarfon
11 Brandy
12 Jehovah's Witnesses

Two-Speed Crossword
ACROSS: 1 Sock-et, 4 S-c-raw-l, 9 Pres-s, 10 Inroads, 11 Earnest, 12 Bathe, 13 Prison guard, 18 (S)ample, 20 Regalia, 22 Sham-poo(r), 23 Aries, 24 Mo-t-le-y, 25 Beck-on.
DOWN: 1 Sapper, 2 C-le-arer, 3 (M)en-sue, 5 Car-l-bou(ght), 6 A-part, 7 List-(wh)en, 8 Sit-tin-groom, 14 Stee-p-l-e, 15 Ro-lli-ck, 16 Ransom, 17 Dams-on, 19 Plan-t, 21 G-rave.

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Wordsearch

Numberfit

Make Tracks

Missing Link
Reef, Real, Seal, Pack, Fire, Name, Goal, Part, Come, Bear
FASCINATOR

Mini Code

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ARIES March 21 – April 20

You may not see eye-to-eye with your family as the week begins. It can be hard if you don't feel you belong but try not to dwell on it. Holding out for a romantic love life might not be your best strategy. When your lover is your best friend, you get permission to be yourself. A black gem holds the clue to love.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

Schmooze your way to a new job or pay rise by winning over the boss. Get your work and finances sorted and you can kiss goodbye to all those sleepless nights. It's a tough burden to carry if family are relying on you to support them. You can only do so much, even if you love to help the ones you love.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Rather than be the local agony aunt or uncle, shine a light on your own problems today as you're at your most perceptive. An early morning 'a-ha moment' could help you let go of pain that's been holding you back. Lose the rose-coloured glasses and dismiss a friend's romantic gestures. The real deal is on a dating app.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

Take things slow this week and deal with one thing at a time. Focus on home comforts and enjoy life's little pleasures: your morning cup of tea, a child's laughter, a loving smile. The more peaceful your environment, the more peace you will carry in your heart. Sharing expenses with family can help.

LEO July 23 – August 23

The Monday blues could kick in today, especially if you're no longer enjoying your job or you're caring for someone who's dealing with ill health. Reaching out for advice could help unlock a long-term solution. Having fantasies about that holiday infatuation? It's no substitute for the real thing.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

If there are things in your life you want to change, start by doing the work. It can be a big ask to put your trust in the universe but your self-belief will grow if you practise focusing on what's positive. When it comes to relationships, there's a fine line between trusting and gullible. Walk that tightrope carefully today.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

If you're a typical Libra, you like to keep your options open in love. Events today could expose which partnership is a seduction trap and which is based on and respect. If your other half is struggling to find work, consider what you can do to be supportive. Swapping traditional roles might be positive.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

If you start the week feeling unwell, it's wise to get some rest so you recover faster – you won't want to miss out on brilliant career stars later this week. When it comes to love, you may want to keep things private. Perhaps there's a genuine reason why you're taking love slowly. Or are you involved in an affair?

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Sometimes, the less said the better. This is your cosmic advice today, especially when it comes to a work or financial situation that feels stuck. Your immediate reaction may be to want to run away, but find a compromise and look at how you can create more freedom for yourself. Single? Don't be seduced into sex,

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

If a conversation needs to happen about money, start the ball rolling as there could be an opportunity to boost your finances mid-week. If you have someone's backing at work, it's wise to make the most of it as it could play a key part in long-term goals. Be wary of mixing business and love.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

If you can't say anything positive at work or at home, say nothing at all. You might be feeling gloomy but do your best not to spread negative vibes. That doesn't mean suffering with a problem alone. If you need support, ask for help. This evening, lose yourself in a movie and be around your loved ones.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

Life is asking you to put firm boundaries in place around money. Teaching a child about saving could help them – and benefit you in the process. A female friend may be able to help you set up an online business to boost your finances. Take off the rose-coloured glasses and focus on your future security.

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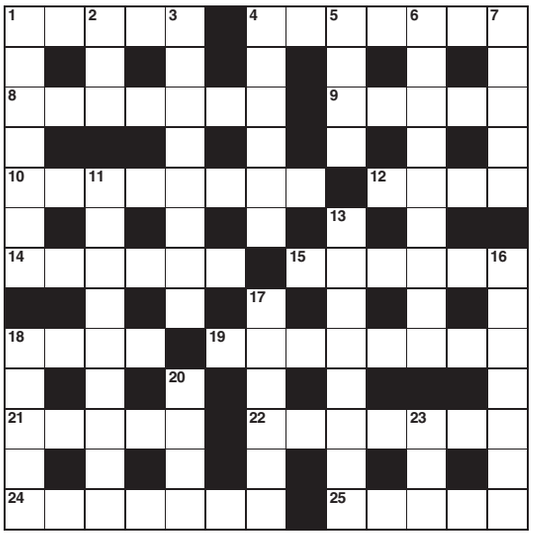
ACROSS

1 Catches small horses (5)
4 Spirit followed by half of cheese roll (7)
8 Wee Amos surprisingly impressive (7)
9 Barrier in bog extremely crude (5)
10 NATO blog about large vessel (8)
12 Report of exploit in bases (4)
14 Move around hairpiece with gel all over the place (6)
15 Chuffed, wearing cosmetics (4,2)
18 Glut son consumed (4)
19 Caught police officer with dog – one dealing with wicked things (8)
21 Hired assassin that is followed by Charlie? (5)
22 Orderly regularly ignored by facility set free (7)
24 It's said I whip part of the body (7)
25 Left winger receiving a card (5)

DOWN

1 Bird's down (7)
2 Professional speed trial starting late (3)
3 Mushroom currently in small globule (8)
4 Local statute in reserve most of Wales rejected (3-3)
5 Some pain for dope (4)
6 Conservative gets half-cut at dance for swimmer (6,3)
7 For example, set out for discharge (5)
11 Get on with working with one at once, ultimately, and confer (9)
13 Haggard, allowed to get protective glove (8)
16 Left ten rocks as threat (7)
17 Two children outside old city place of worship (6)
18 Fur bans a blessing, in part (5)
20 Ohioan, essentially, was snubbed in Midwestern state (4)
23 Character just ignoring female (3)



Coffee Time

ACROSS

1 Drawbacks (5)
4 Soft, buttery loaf (7)
8 Inspiring wonder (7)
9 Receiver of stolen goods (5)
10 Largest craft on a ship (8)
12 Body parts we stand on (4)
14 Move jerkily from side to side (6)
15 Became friends again (4,2)
18 Fully satisfy (4)
19 Candle maker (8)
21 Well done! (5)
22 Record made available for sale (7)
24 Hair sometimes decorated with mascara (7)
25 Card used for fortune-telling (5)

DOWN

1 Gullibly believe (7)
2 Unreturned serve (3)
3 Item thrown in winter (8)
4 Rule applying only in local area (3-3)
5 Gen (4)
6 Long, powerful fish (6,3)
7 Expel from the body (5)
11 Bargain (9)
13 Former military punishment, now used in idiom (8)
16 Omen (7)
17 Body of Christians (6)
18 Black (5)
20 Location of Des Moines (4)
23 Broadcast (3)

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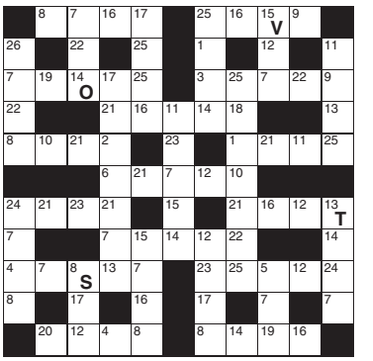

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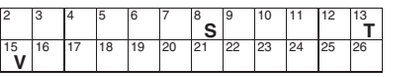

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THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a presenter:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

1	England footballing brothers, Nathaniel and Trevoh
11 & 8	Cuban-born actor who appeared in Ocean's Eleven and The Godfather: Part III
2 & 12	Mr Sinatra, Ol' Blue Eyes (third and fourth letters of name)
9 & 7	Wine expert who went on Big Wine Adventures with James May
10 & 3	As Chas & Dave pointed out, this late snooker player's hair was all gone
5	Mr Menuhin, Jewish American violin virtuoso
4 & 6	Paul McCartney's ex-wife who set up a Health Trust after an accident left her with a prosthetic leg

Yesterday: Rugby player STUART HOGG (Graham Taylor, Glenn Tilbrook, Julian (Fellowes), Roy Hattersley, Rose (Matafeo)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

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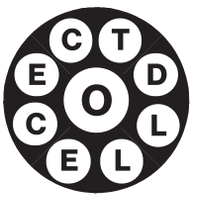


SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

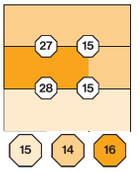
YESTERDAY: Dell, deplore, dole, doll, droll, elder, elope, eloped, eloper, leer, leper, lode, lope, loped, lopped, lopper, lord, lore, older, orle, peel, people, peopled, plod, plop, polder, pole, poled, poll, polled, propel, redpoll, reel, repel, role, roll, rolled, PROPELLED.

Check today's solutions by calling **0905 757 0155** before midnight. Calls cost £1 a minute plus your network charge.

BRAIN BUSTER

The Official Scrabble Dictionary lists five possible anagrams of the obscure word ACRED. Can you find all five?

SAKURO



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Y	E	E	V	I	D	S

Find seven words associated with lifeguards. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally. Solution on right.

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HARDER 183	-106	÷7	+2595	50% of it	-567	5/8 of it	+1121	÷17	+3975	ANSWER

Yesterday's solutions

Teaser

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Toughie

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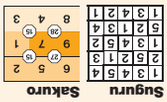
Two-Speed Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Sock-et, 4 S-c-raw-l, 9 Pres-s, 10 Inroads, 11 Earnest, 12 Bathe, 13 Prison guard, 18 (S)ample, 20 Regalia, 22 Sham-poo(r), 23 Aries, 24 Mo-t-le-y, 25 Beck-on.

DOWN: 1 Sapper, 2 C-le-arer, 3 (M)en-sue, 5 Car-I-bou(ght), 6 A-part, 7 List-(wh)en, 8 Sit-tin-groom, 14 Stee-p-l-e, 15 Ro-lli-ck, 16 Ransom, 17 Dams-on, 19 Plan-t, 21 G-rave.

Today's solutions



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Number-crunch Wordsearch

Page 2 Sekuta
Top line **475**
middle **861**
bottom **923**

Brainbuster
Arced, cadre, cared, cedar, raced

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CRICKET

THE HUNDRED MEN

SunRisers Leeds v Welsh Fire

Headingley: SunRisers Leeds 201-4 (100 balls); Welsh Fire 130-6 (100 balls; B A Carse 3-24). **SunRisers Leeds Men win by 71 runs.**

London Spirit v Birmingham Phoenix

Lord's: Birmingham Phoenix 162-4 (100 balls; J M Clarke 73; S R Dickson 51no); London Spirit 166-3 (82 balls; L S Livingstone 66; D T Brevis 55no). **London Spirit win by 7 wickets.**

	P	W	T	L	NR	RR	Pts
Rockets	7	6	0	1	0	0.890	24
SunRisers	7	5	0	2	0	1.094	20
Super Giants	7	4	0	3	0	0.495	16
Mi London	7	4	0	3	0	0.262	16
Fire	7	4	0	3	0	-1.001	16
Brave	7	2	0	5	0	-0.053	8
Spirit	7	2	0	5	0	-0.151	8
Phoenix	7	1	0	6	0	-1.495	4

THE HUNDRED WOMEN

SunRisers Leeds v Welsh Fire

Headingley: Welsh Fire 121-8 (100 balls; F G Kemp 72no; D B Sharma 3-13); SunRisers Leeds Women 122-4 (74 runs; P E S Litchfield 55). **SunRisers Leeds win by 6 wickets.**

London Spirit v Birmingham Phoenix

Lord's: London Spirit 140-4 (100 balls; M Kapp 57no); Birmingham Phoenix 108-8 (100 balls; C E Dean 3-17). **London Spirit win by 32 runs.**

	P	W	T	L	NR	RR	Pts
Rockets	7	6	0	1	0	1.601	24
Brave	7	5	0	2	0	0.148	20
Super Giants	7	4	0	2	1	0.752	18
SunRisers	7	4	0	3	0	0.865	16
Fire	7	3	0	4	0	0.042	12
Spirit	7	2	1	4	0	-0.306	10
Mi London	7	1	1	5	0	-1.275	6
Phoenix	7	1	0	5	1	-1.984	6

METRO BANK ONE-DAY CUP

GROUP A

Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire

Cheltenham: Nottinghamshire 279 (48.3 overs; H Hameed 85; K Verreynne 85; M de Lange 3-37; A A Rao 4-44); Gloucestershire 282-6 (49.1 overs; J R Bracey 103; J P Phillips 61no; O J Price 59; B A Hutton 3-30; O P Stone 3-52). **Gloucestershire win by 4 wickets.**

Kent v Leicestershire

Beckenham: Leicestershire 261-7 (50.0 overs; H Shaikh 93; B G F Green 57no); Kent 262-4 (47.3 overs; D J Bell-Drummond 133no). **Kent win by 6 wickets.**

Northamptonshire v Somerset

Northampton: Somerset 185 (47.0 overs; R I Keogh 4-35; Y S Chahal 3-35); Northants 189-3 (30.0 overs; L A Procter 85; N A McSweeney 69no). **Northamptonshire win by 7 wickets.**

Warwickshire v Lancashire

Rugby: Lancashire 311-5 (50.0 overs; M S Harris 89; J J Bohannon 62; R Flintoff 61no); Warwickshire 314-8 (48.5 overs; V L Jani 88; D R Mousley 67; A L Davies 51no; J M Blatherwick 3-79). **Warwickshire win by 2 wickets.**

	P	W	T	L	NR	RR	Pts
Leics	8	5	0	3	0	0.517	20
Notts	7	4	0	3	0	0.160	16
Lancashire	7	4	0	3	0	-0.038	16
Surrey	7	4	0	3	0	-0.233	16
Kent	7	4	0	3	0	-0.443	16
Northants	7	3	0	4	0	0.161	12
Somerset	7	3	0	4	0	0.094	12
Warwick	7	3	0	4	0	-0.162	12
Glocs	7	2	0	5	0	-0.125	8

GROUP B

Derbyshire v Middlesex

Derby: Middlesex 327-6 (50.0 overs; B B A Geddes 109; M D E Holden 65); Derbyshire 240-10 (43.5 overs; C P Jewell 54; Z G Khan 3-35). **Middlesex win by 87 runs.**

Durham v Essex

Darlington: Durham 229-5 (38.0 overs; C N Ackermann 80no); Essex 209 (37.1 overs; N R M Thain 76; J Minto 3-45). **Durham win by 20 runs.**

Glamorgan v Worcestershire

Sophia Gardens: Worcestershire 278-9 (50.0 overs; J D Libby 105; H J Cullen 77; Z Ul-Hassan 4-58; T Edwards 3-55); Glamorgan 281-8 (50.0 overs; C R Nicholls 70; J I Hope-Bell 58). **Glamorgan win by 2 wickets.**

Sussex v Hampshire

Hove: Hampshire 383-9 (50.0 overs; B A Mayes 109; A G H Orr 105; T E Albert 86; O E Robinson 3-46; R O Kirtley 3-95); Sussex 332 (48.5 overs; C J Tear 111; J A Leaning 92; D K Ibrahim 55; E V Jack 4-58). **Hampshire win by 51 runs.**

	P	W	T	L	NR	RR	Pts
Middlesex	7	6	0	1	0	1.614	24
Yorkshire	7	5	0	2	0	0.612	20
Durham	7	5	0	2	0	0.339	20
Hampshire	7	4	0	3	0	-0.070	16
Worcs	7	4	0	3	0	-0.190	16
Essex	7	3	0	4	0	0.095	12
Derbyshire	7	2	0	5	0	0.161	8
Glamorgan	8	2	0	6	0	-0.930	8
Sussex	7	1	0	6	0	-1.470	2

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE FEMMES: Stage 9 (Nice, 99.0km) - 1 D Vollering (Ned) FDJ United-SUEZ 2h 44m 43s, 2 P Blasi (Spa) UAE Team L'IMAD +1m 04s, 3 K Niewiadoma-Phinney (Pol) CANYON//SRAM, 4 N Fisher-Black (NZ) Lidl-Trek both at same time. **Final overall** - 1 Vollering 30h 54m 51s, 2 Niewiadoma-Phinney +1m 18s, 3 E Longo Borghini (Ita) UAE L'IMAD +04:29, 50 Z Backstedt (GB) CANYON//SRAM +1h34m 15s.

TOUR OF POLAND: Stage 7 (Wieliczka to Wieliczka, 12.4km ITT) - 1 S Kung (Swi) Tudor Pro Cycling Team 14m 25s, 2 F Fisher-Black (NZ) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe +4s, 3 C Thomley (GB) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe at same time. **Final overall** - 1 M Brenner (Ger) Tudor Pro Cycling Team 24h 33m 49s, 2 Fisher-Black +10s, 3 I Romeo (Spa) Movistar Team +16.

GOLF

LADIES PIF LONDON CHAMPIONSHIP (Centurion Club, St Albans) - **Final Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated) - **270** A Huang (Can) 67 68 65 70, **272** C Hull 74 62 67 69, **275** S Tan (Sgp) 70 70 71 64, **277** P Tavatanakit (Tha) 74 69 66 68, **278** K Bennett (Aus) 68 71 71 68, (selected) **280** A Hewson 74 66 73 67, **281** L Hall 71 67 71 72, **282** G Hall 74 71 70 67, A Donegan 70 69 69 74.

LIV GOLF NEW YORK (Bedminster, New Jersey): **Final Rnd** (USA unless stated) - **268** J Niemann (Chi) 64 65 70 69, **271** H Varner III 69 67 65 70, **275** S Vincent (Zim) 69 68 72 66, L Westwood 69 65 69 72, **277** Byeong-Hun An (Kor) 72 68 68 69.

MOTORCYCLING

MOTOGP OF UK (Silverstone): **MotoGP** - 1 R Fernandez (Spa) Aprilia 39m 45.930s, 2 J Martin (Spa) Aprilia +2.538se, 3 M Bezzecchi (Ita) Aprilia +3.393, 4 A Marquez (Spa) Ducati +4.702. **Standings** - 1 Martin 240pts, 2 Bezzecchi 209, 3 A Ogura (Japan) 203, 4 M Marquez (Spa) 200. **Moto2** - 1 F Salac (Cze) Kalex 35:01.869, 2 Ivan Ortola (Spa) Kalex +0.303secs. **Moto3** - 1 D Almansa (Spa) KTM 32:45.262.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP - Batley 24 Newcastle 28, Doncaster 120 North Wales 0, Halifax 20 Barrow 28, Hunslet 32 Keighley 18, London Br 92 Goole Vikings 6, Midlands Hurricanes 30 Workington 24, Oldham 31 Sheffield 30, Rochdale 22 Whitehaven 24.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London Br	21	21	0	0	1363	232	42
Newcastle	22	19	0	3	981	276	38
Oldham	21	18	0	3	685	337	36
Barrow	22	16	0	6	582	401	32
Doncaster	20	15	0	5	785	306	30
Widnes	21	15	0	6	698	322	30
Sheffield	21	14	0	7	579	487	28
Midlands	21	12	1	8	518	550	25
Whitehaven	21	9	1	11	436	587	19
Batley	21	9	0	12	569	511	18
Dewsbury	20	8	0	12	456	480	16
Salford RLFC	22	7	0	15	498	744	14
Hunslet	22	7	0	15	442	730	14
Goole Vikings	22	7	0	15	486	803	14
Rochdale	20	6	0	14	315	652	12
Workington	21	5	1	15	420	644	11
Swinton	21	5	1	15	382	686	11
Keighley	21	4	2	15	467	632	10
Halifax	21	8	0	13	518	580	4
North Wales	21	3	0	18	266	1486	-6

* Halifax & North Wales deducted 12 points

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - Huddersfield 36 Barrow Raiders 20.

SNOOKER

CHINA OPEN (Taiyuan City): **1st Rnd** - N Saengkham (Tha) bt J Trump (Eng) 6-3; G Xiao (Chn) bt A McGill (Sco) 6-3; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt J Page (Wal) 6-2; S Murphy (Eng) bt M Selt (Eng) 6-0.

TENNIS

ATP CANADIAN OPEN (Montreal): **4th Rnd** - A Fils (Fra) bt C Norrie (GB) 6-2 7-6 (10-8); D Merida Aguilar (Spa) bt T Griekspoor (Ned) 6-3 6-1, L Tien (USA) bt T Tirante (Arg) 6-4 6-4..

WTA CANADIAN OPEN (Toronto): **4th Rnd** - E Rybakina (Kaz) bt L Samsonova (Rus) 6-4 4-6 6-4.

TODAY'S SPORT

CARABAO CUP 1ST RND

Plymouth v Exeter 8.0
(Live on Sky Sports Main Event)

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN PREMIER: Carshalton Ath v Wingate & Finchley (7.45).

CRICKET

Third One Day International: Ireland v Afghanistan (Belfast, 10.45am).

The Hundred: Trent Rockets v Southern Brave (Trent Bridge, Men 6:30pm, Women 3.0).

SPEEDWAY

Premiership: Belle Vue v King's Lynn (7.30pm).

TENNIS

ATP Canadian Open (Montreal).

WTA Canadian Open (Toronto).

EURO ATHLETICS

TREBLE YELL

CROWNING GLORY . . . Hodgkinson wins at Paris Olympics

Keely eyes Olympic effort

KEELY HODGKINSON says winning a record hat-trick of European golds would "mean just as much" as her Olympics glory.

By ROB MAUL

No British woman has won three titles in the same individual event in the 92-year history of the European Athletics Championships.

But Hodgkinson, 24, has the chance to achieve that feat this week.

Birmingham will today become the first UK host of the biennial continental track-and-field competition and the Leigh athlete heads there as the 800 metres Euros title-holder from 2022 and 2024.

The "race of the championships" pits Hodgkinson against Swiss star Audrey Werro – the all-time third fastest in the event – and Flying Dutchwoman Femke Broeders-Bol.

Hodgkinson, the reigning Olympic champion, is relishing the hot competition – and will not be a sure-fire favourite at the Alexander Stadium.

Two years on from her two-lap success at the Paris Games, she said: "This is what I train for. This is the exciting moment.

"I've had lots of people come round and challenge me.

"I'm proud to have always been in that top segment. I've medalled at every single championship. To have the women's 800 as the spotlight and everyone getting behind us and wanting us to run fast, it's really exciting.

"I don't really see it as pressure. I just see it as more of a motivation.

"There's going to be a lot of my family there and that's always really nice.

"Hopefully I'll be able to stand on top of the podium and hear the national anthem in the UK.

"That would be incredibly special. I think it would mean just as much to me as winning in Paris, to be honest.

"Ultimately, I'll just focus on what I can do best and control my race. I don't know what anyone else is going to do.

"It's going to be the race of the championships. It's going to be really fun."

The heats for the 800m are tomorrow lunchtime, the semi-finals are scheduled for Thursday and then the final is at 9.46pm on Friday.

On June 7, Hodgkinson vowed not to lose another race this season after being beaten in Sweden – despite her quickest-ever display.

Britain's Golden Girl ran a national record 1min 54.33sec at the Diamond League.

Yet she had to deal with the rare sensation of being overtaken down the home straight as breakout star Werro, 22, won in 1:53.98 – a PB by nearly two seconds.

Three weeks later Werro lowered her lifetime best in Paris to 1:53.80.

Hodgkinson – who recently banged her knees on a metal grate in a freak accident – said: "I feel in a good place.

"Obviously there was a bit of a tough patch in June and July but I'm happy and excited to compete and it'll bring out the best in me.

"It means that a European title is just as important as a world title at this point.

"In Stockholm, I don't really think I did anything wrong. I didn't know what Werro was capable of at that point.

"People are trying to make me feel like it was a failure and it really wasn't. That was a British record. It was my fastest time ever. I'm proud of that."

EUROS QUEEN... (l-r) glory in '24 & '22

MURPHY . . . dominant

Murphy's haul right

SHAUN MURPHY broke Ronnie O'Sullivan's 12-year record for the most unanswered points as he whitewashed Matthew Selt at the China Open.

Murphy opened up with breaks of 18, 61, 132, 103, 139, 113 and 41 to set a new mark of 607 points without reply in his 6-0 first-round win in Taiyuan.

It smashed the Rocket's previous milestone of 556 from the 2014 Masters.

And 2005 world champ Murphy, 43, said: "I can't believe it, I'm over the moon. It was a delight.

"To be part of snooker history is a great thrill."

O'Sullivan hit back from 2-0 down to beat Jackson Page 6-2. World No 1 Judd Trump lost 6-3 to Thailand's world No 45 Noppon Saengkham.

Makin a run for it

FIVE-TIME Super League winner Tommy Makinson will retire at the end of the season.

The ex-England wing, 34, now at Catalans Dragons, spent 14 seasons with St Helens, winning the title in 2014, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

He also lifted the Challenge Cup in 2021 and enjoyed a memorable World Club Challenge victory over Penrith Panthers in 2023.

Makinson was selected in the Super League Dream Team on three occasions and represented England at the 2022 World Cup.

He posted on Instagram: "It's hard to put into words what rugby league has given me.

"I know how lucky I am to have lived this life and played the game I love for as long as I have."

Hull rues 17th hell

CHARLEY HULL imploded with an astonishing FOUR-PUTT on the penultimate hole to ruin her chances of glory in the PIF London Championship.

The English star, 30, led by one shot heading down the 17th hole.

But she made a double-bogey, allowing Canadian teenager Anna Huang to win by two shots.

Hull's five birdies earlier in the round put her in a great position.

Despite another on the 18th, she had to settle for second place after a final-round four-under-par 69.

Huang made a stunning eagle at the last to finish on 22 under for the tournament.

The 17-year-old said: "That was probably the most thrilling round of golf of my life."

SWIMMING

EUROPEAN CHAMPS

I'm in too deep

PEATY EASES THE PRESSURE

STAYING AFLOAT . . . Ramsay-Peaty is positive ahead of the Euros in Paris

ADAM RAMSAY-PEATY is putting less pressure on himself at this week's European Championships after his tears in Glasgow.

By ROB MAUL

Sprint breaststroke great Ramsay-Peaty swam away with **SIXTEEN** gold medals as he ruled the continent's waves between 2014 and 2020.

But his relatively underwhelming return of a silver and two bronzes at the recent Commonwealth Games – where he spoke passionately about "the s**t I've been through" – have tempered expectations.

He is back in the pool today for the heats and semi-finals of the 100 metres breaststroke in Paris – the event in which he holds the world record of 56.88sec.

Ramsay-Peaty, 31, said: "You know me – I'm always going to fight.

"There have been plenty of times in my career when things haven't gone the way I'd hoped. But I'm a fighter.

"I need to approach the Europeans with a little less expectation and pressure on myself.

"Just enjoy the racing for what it is and use it to keep building."

Ramsay-Peaty's Commonwealth outing was his first in a major championship since winning silver at the Paris Olympics in 2024. And the swimmer's focus has already turned to Los Angeles 2028.

He added: "It's all about laying the foundations, brick by brick, to put ourselves in a really good position for next season."

The Staffordshire-born swimmer faces competition in the French capital from Italy's Olympic champion Nicolo Martinenghi and Jersey's Commonwealth Games silver medallist Filip Nowacki.

And he may need to be in a better frame of mind than he was after having to settle for bronze in the individual event at the Tollcross International Centre on July 25.

His post-race interview tears as he said "I feel like I deserve more" went viral on social media.

The type of person who wears his heart on his sleeve, it felt like a release of bottled-up emotions as he deals with a long-running feud with his parents.

It is only on reflection that he regretted his choice of words.

Ramsay-Peaty, who now lives in London, said: "That's the hardest part about doing interviews straight after a race.

"You haven't had time to process what just happened.

"Especially when it's your first major championships in two years.

"It's a bit like working towards something for so long and then being asked to analyse it immediately if it doesn't go to plan.

"I actually like doing these interviews because they show people the genuine emotion behind the sport.

"But at the same time you are still trying to make sense of everything yourself.

"I said a few things that I regret now, simply because they reflected one moment at my first championships back after 24 months away.

"Now it's about identifying what I need to improve and whether I can make those changes."

RAULLY FAST

SPAIN'S Raul Fernandez won the British MotoGP at Silverstone to claim his first victory of the season.

Having crashed out of Saturday's sprint, the Trackhouse rider redeemed himself in the main race.

Fernandez, 25, became the 12th different winner in 12 British MotoGP races at this track.

Starting second on the grid, he swiftly moved ahead of title leader and compatriot Jorge Martin.

Aprilia's Martin, the 2024 champ, finished 2.538sec behind, extending his championship lead to 31 points.

DONE THE FIZZ . . . Martin soaks Fernandez in bubbles

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THREE WHIZ . . . hat-trick hero Hogh

Ace Hogh gives Mart triple tonic

By JAKE SANDERS

RECORD Celtic signing Kasper Hogh hit a first-half hat-trick as the Scottish champs put on a show for their absent boss.

Martin O'Neill, 74, was not at Rugby Park after undergoing a minor hospital procedure — but it was business as usual for the rampant Hoops.

Danish striker Hogh, who joined in an £11million deal from Bodo/Glimt, scored three times in the first 35 minutes.

Benjamin Nygren then capitalised on a mistake from Kilmarnock keeper Max Stryjek to make it 4-0.

Michael Schjonning-Larsen grabbed a consolation for the hosts but Celtic sealed a 5-1 win through sub Luke McCowan.

Hogh said: "I'm so happy. It was a crazy game."

Assistant boss Shaun Maloney added: "Kasper was really good."

Callum Wright's injury-time winner for HIBERNIAN condemned Derek McInnes to defeat in his first Ibrox game as RANGERS boss.

A late Miguel Chaiwa own goal looked to have salvaged a draw for the home side, cancelling out Josh Campbell's early penalty, but Wright struck at the death to make it 2-1.

HEARTS finally got their season kick-started with a routine 4-0 home win over DUNDEE UNITED.

Last year's runners-up had lost all FOUR competitive games under new boss Wouter Vrancken but were 2-0 up inside 15 minutes.

Tom Renaud's 30-yard screamer settled any nerves before Calvin Miller doubled the lead from the spot. Claudio Braga and Josh McPake were on target after the break.

All Rover Sam deal

By VIC HOLLY

BLACKBURN are in advanced talks to sign former Ipswich captain Sam Morsy.

The Egyptian midfielder, 34, is a free agent after his short-term deal at Bristol City expired at the end of last season.

Rovers manager Tony Mowbray said: "Sam is somebody I've spoken to, had a chat with.

"He's a very confident boy. He's got real belief in his ability, real confidence in his physicality.

"The religion that he is, he never touches alcohol and he's telling me he feels like late 20s, 30-year-old, really strong and powerful.

"There's a potential for that to happen."

Morsy left Ipswich last summer after four years.

CHAMPIONSHIP

A lean, meme fighting machine

KYLE BE BACK ON TOP . . . Walker is determined to help Burnley return to the Premier League

KYLE: KID WINGERS WON'T TURN ME INTO TIKTOK JOKE

CUP CRUISE . . . McGuinness after the Blades' second

Don't let it be a Hamer blow

By DAVID FLETT

SHEFFIELD UNITED need a "really top player" to replace Coventry-bound Gus Hamer, according to Chris Wilder.

The Blades boss confirmed a fee – believed to be £6million – had been agreed for midfielder Hamer to return to the Sky Blues ahead of their first Prem season for 25 years.

After his side eased into the second round of the Carabao Cup, Wilder said: "We have to move on from Gus.

"That's everybody, including me, the supporters and players.

"He was a special player and a big player for us. We all understand that. But it's simple – we don't want players to run down their contracts and Coventry came in for him."

Mansfield	0
Sheffield United	3

Wilder is waiting to hear if Leicester will accept a bid for Australia defender Harry Souttar.

And he warned the Blades' spending power to replace Hamer has been blunted by an absence of parachute payments this summer.

The boss added: "We have to find a replacement to fill that position and the owners know we have to replace him with a really top player.

"But this is our first season without parachute payments and that makes a big difference.

"You have to cut your cloth accordingly and be smart and patient."

Mansfield shocked Wilder's side 4-3 in an FA Cup third round tie at Bramall Lane last January.

But Blades striker Patrick Bamford took just four minutes to open the scoring when he turned home a miscued Joe Rothwell shot.

Mark McGuinness headed home Sydie Peck's corner after 71 minutes before Callum O'Hare sealed the tie by finding the roof of the net after being picked out by Ryan One.

Stags manager Nigel Clough is worried by his side's defending ahead of next Saturday's home League One opener with Doncaster.

He said: "We conceded poor goals all through pre-season starting with one at Retford that bobbled around in our box and we didn't clear. That's a worrying tendency."

The second-round draw takes place tonight at 7.20pm on Sky Sports.

WALKER EFL WARNING

KYLE WALKER has warned Championship kids: You won't make a TikTok fool out of me!

By JUSTIN ALLEN

The 36-year-old boasts six Premier League titles, a Champions League crown and 96 England caps.

Now the former Manchester City powerhouse is gearing up for the Championship grind with relegated Burnley as the EFL season kicks off on Friday night.

And he knows that hungry young wingers will be desperate to drop a step-over on the veteran full-back for a viral clip.

But Walker hit back: "I'm **NOBODY'S** meme!

"They'll be trying to create memes out of me but I can assure you that's not going to happen.

"When you come up against me, I'll give 100 per cent.

"If you beat me on the day, we shake hands.

"But I can tell you now – I'm not rolling over for anything to become a meme."

The former Three Lions star kept his cool to convert the decisive penalty in the Clarets' 4-3 shootout win over League Two Notts County after a 1-1 draw in Saturday's Carabao Cup first-round clash.

Burnley had to come from behind at Turf Moor as Zian Flemming cancelled out Callum Roberts' opener for the visitors. And Walker's stomach for a fight remains as fierce as ever this season.

Forget those glittering European nights against the likes of Barcelona and Real Madrid – and glitzy awards evenings alongside football royalty.

The defender is revving himself up for wet and windy nights against the likes of Preston North End and Charlton Athletic.

And he insists anyone who thinks he will be taking it easy is in for a massive shock. Walker said: "Success in anything is about mentality.

"Talent gets you so far – but mentality and wanting to do well isn't just about big games.

"It's not just when it's on TV, or when it's sunny and fans are there in their 30,000s cheering your name.

"It's when it's raining, it's not on TV, it's a quarter to eight on a Tuesday night and the wind's swirling.

"That's about rolling your sleeves up, getting dirty and making sure that we get the three points."

Walker admits dropping out of the top flight in his first season at Burnley after moving from City last summer left a bitter taste. But rather than jumping ship, he has opted to stay and fight.

He said: "To end the season as it did was horrible.

"It's something I wanted to put right – not just for myself but for the fans who had to deal with last season. We have an obligation to put it right. It's our job.

"With the quality we have in the dressing room, that's what we should be doing – getting promoted and going back to the Premier League."

Walker has even tapped up his former Manchester City skipper Vincent Kompany for the ultimate inside track on how to conquer English football's second tier.

Kompany blew the Championship away during his 2022-23 title-winning campaign as manager of Burnley – winning the title with 101 points.

Walker said: "I've spoken to Vinnie and got words from him on how he found achieving what he did – managing in the Championship, getting promoted and stuff like that.

"He told me it's difficult and it's a task for yourself personally but it's very enjoyable because you become a big fish again.

"You get a little bit more of the ball, which is more like the game I was used to playing when I was at Manchester City.

"The campaign when Vinnie went up, he broke 100 points and tore the Championship apart.

"So I'm hoping we can replicate what they went and did that season."

It is 16 years since a young Walker last graced the Championship during a half-season loan spell under Neil Warnock at QPR in 2010.

Back then, he was a raw, lightning-quick young gun trying to carve out a name for himself.

Now he returns as a decorated icon of the modern English game.

Yet despite his advancing years, Walker insists his body feels as good as it did when he was in his twenties.

He said: "Genetically, I've been gifted by my mum and dad! I still feel quick, I still feel strong, I still look all right and I still feel good.

"When I was a naive 21-year-old at Tottenham, I'd use my pace for any reason. Whereas now, I kind of read the game.

"Learning under the likes of Pep Guardiola, I use that completeness. If I have to use my pace I'll use it. If not, I try to be in the right place at the right time."

Some players who have won it all struggle for motivation when they step down a level. Not Walker.

In fact, he views climbing out of the second tier as another major prize to throw on his vast resume.

He explained: "Getting promoted is another trophy that I want to add to my collection. It's something that I want to do and put on my CV.

"If I have to get motivated to play football, I should stay in bed in the morning! It's a job that millions want to do.

"The only thing I've promised myself is that when the lightbulb switches off in my head and football becomes a burden, I'll stop.

"While I've got a shirt on my back, I'll give my all and I won't settle for anything less."

Look down, Tuchel!

ENGLAND icon Kyle Walker says Thomas Tuchel must NOT fall into the trap of ignoring the EFL.

The ex-Three Lions defender — who retired from international duty with 96 caps — watched Ivan Toney get picked for the World Cup while playing in the Saudi Pro League.

But Walker, 36, insists the relentless quality in the Championship blows big-money retirement leagues out of the water.

He said: "There are gems in the Championship. Look at Kalvin Phillips at Leeds when Gareth Southgate picked him.

"He was called up straight after they won promotion in 2020, before he'd even played in the Prem. It's normally a stepping stone — you do well, get your move, then get called up.

"That's what happened to me with Fabio Capello back in 2010-11 after I'd spent the first half of the season at QPR on loan. But if players like Jarrod Bowen are doing the business in the Championship with West Ham, they should rightly get an England call-up. The standard of the division is getting better and better."

By JUSTIN ALLEN

Walker, who played three times under boss Tuchel *(left)*, has no regrets over quitting international football just short of 100 caps.

He spent this summer as SunSport's World Cup columnist. And the veteran star added: "Sat on my sofa at stupid o'clock in the morning writing columns is different!

"Would I have liked 100 caps? Of course — but being second most-capped full-back behind Ashley Cole meant a lot. I'm at peace."

STILL A WINNER . . . Kyle nets decisive penalty against Notts County on Saturday and (inset), with the Champions League and in England days

MR COOL . . . Eckert has chat with Jack Stephens

Flipping Eck, I'm no Klopp!

WHEN it comes to expressing emotions, Tonda Eckert admits he is no Jurgen Klopp.

By NEIL SILVER

Former Liverpool boss Klopp – recently appointed manager of the German national team – was known for his animated behaviour on the touchline during his hugely successful spell at Anfield.

Fellow German and Southampton chief Eckert could be forgiven for showing his feelings after being charged with misconduct over last season's 'Spygate' scandal, which cost his side a place in the Championship play-off final.

He is still waiting to hear his fate from the FA.

But Eckert has remained composed throughout the saga and stood emotionless on the touchline as he watched his team edge past Colchester 2-0 on Saturday and into the second round of the Carabao Cup.

He may fit into the stereotype of Germans being viewed as reserved – but he highlighted Klopp *(right)* as someone who breaks that mould.

Eckert said: "Look at Jurgen, I don't think he is very calm as a manager. Maybe I am the opposite.

"There are moments for everything, but I need to understand what happens on the pitch and I don't think the best way for me to do that is to keep running up and down and shouting.

"You need to just be who you are. I just need to make sure we are well prepared for games and for the season. That takes more than enough of my brain."

Saints will start the EFL season on minus four points as another punishment for 'Spygate', when they were caught spying on opposition training.

The club have stood by Eckert, who took them from the relegation zone to the brink of the Prem with a 19-match unbeaten run.

He added: "Your life changes a lot in moments like these and the question is always how you react.

"The support could not have been bigger from the club and I am dedicated to making it successful again."

DIGNE . . . three-year deal

Digne's new gig in Paris

By JAKE SANDERS

LUCAS DIGNE has sealed his return to European champions Paris Saint-Germain from Aston Villa.

The France left-back spent three years at PSG from 2013.

Digne, 33, moved on to Barcelona and then Everton before arriving at Villa, where he made more than 180 appearances.

He was part of the team that lifted the Europa League title in May.

He has rejoined PSG for £8.5million, signing a three-year deal, and his first action for them could be against Villa in Wednesday's Super Cup in Salzburg.

He said: "I am very honoured to be able to return after the incredible adventure I experienced more than ten years ago."

On Villa, he said: "I leave with so many special memories.

"I'll always look back on these years with pride."

Sport

HULL have snapped up Sweden World Cup star Elliot Stroud.

The left wing-back, 24, penned a four-year deal after joining from Mjallby for £3.5million.

He said: "It's a very exciting opportunity."

SHORT

Charles is Ful of the joys

By JAKE SANDERS

FULHAM will continue their summer spending by signing Southampton's Shea Charles.

Former Manchester City midfielder Charles, 22, will cost £26million with an additional £4m in add-ons and sign a long-term deal at Craven Cottage.

Charles will become the most-expensive Northern Irish player ever — eclipsing the £15m Newcastle paid Norwich for defender Jamal Lewis in 2020.

He scored six goals in 76 games since joining Saints three years ago — including the dramatic FA Cup quarter-final winner over Arsenal last season.

Saints boss Tonda Eckert said: "Shea has been so professional with all the noise around him.

"For a young player, it's not easy, and he has behaved extraordinarily."

Fulham boss Alvaro Arbeloa had already signed Real Madrid pair Gonzalo Garcia and Cesar Palacios for a combined £42.5m.

PREM NEW BOY'S CHASING...

Miro status!

SANTOS EAGER TO EMULATE 'LEGEND' FELLOW BRAZILIAN

ANDREY SANTOS has backed himself to fill the void left by "legend" Casemiro at Manchester United.

Brazilian midfielder Santos was signed from Prem rivals Chelsea last month in a deal worth £50million.

And he has quickly settled into life with the Red Devils, starting all four of their pre-season games, including Saturday's 1-1 draw with Champions League holders Paris Saint-Germain.

Santos, 22, is expected to play a big role under Michael Carrick at Old Trafford this summer, despite the £35m addition of Youri Tielemans and the fact the club want to sign another midfielder.

And he is ready to step up and replace his countryman Casemiro, 34.

His four-year stay at United ended when his contract expired before he headed off to the World Cup and the veteran now plays for Sir David Beckham's Inter Miami.

Santos said: "Casemiro is a legend – but he's gone from United and now I'm here.

"I can do like Casemiro did in the last season and I'm here to do it.

"I prefer playing deeper, like a No6.

"I try to help my team-mates without the ball and with the ball. I love breaking the lines."

Santos was signed by Chelsea from Brazilian outfit Vasco da Gama for just £11m in January 2023.

But he spent the first 2½ years of his Chelsea career on loan first with Vasco, then Nottingham Forest and the Blues' sister club Strasbourg.

Then he was part of the Chelsea squad who enjoyed Fifa Club World Cup glory 13 months ago, before going on to play 43 games for the club last season.

Santos is likely to start United's Premier League opener at newly promoted Hull a week on Saturday – and is primed for a regular spot this campaign.

But he acknowledges he faces a step up from his time as a squad player at Chelsea.

He said: "My first week was a little bit funny – because you know it's a big change – it's still a new club.

"But since my first day I feel at home, this is so important for me and for the other new players as well.

"Is it a step up from Chelsea? Of course.

"I know Chelsea is a big club as well, so thank you for everything they did for me in my period.

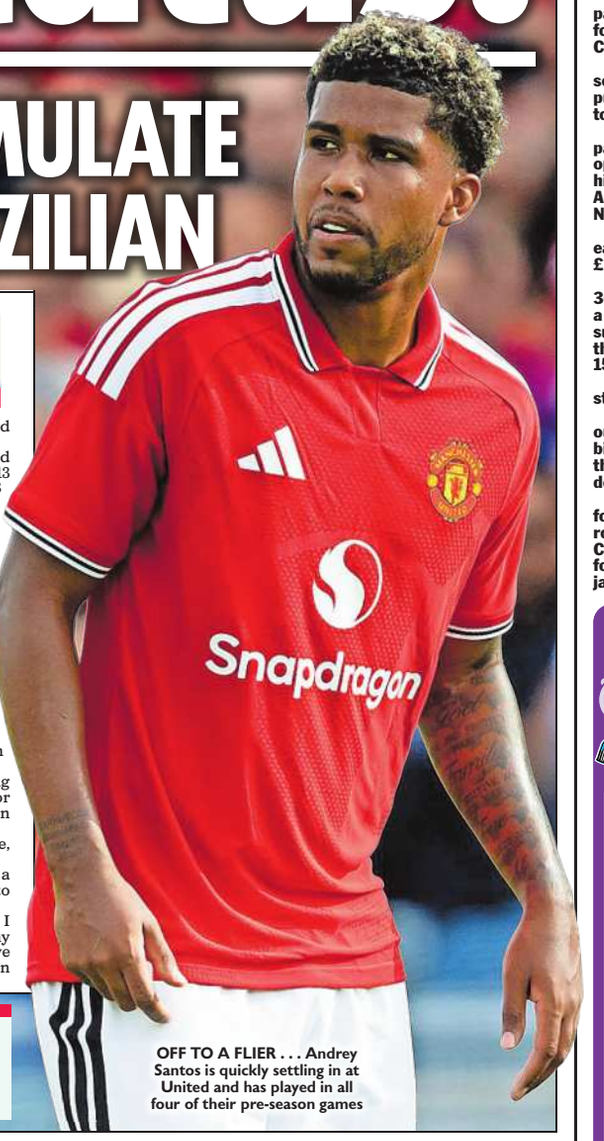
"But now Chelsea is gone, this is my home now.

"I want to be here for a long, long time – and to win so many trophies.

"I have my goals and I hope I can work with my team-mates to achieve those, we want to win

From **SAMUEL LUCKHURST**
IN DUBLIN

CASEMIRO . . . now with Miami



OFF TO A FLIER . . . Andrey Santos is quickly settling in at United and has played in all four of their pre-season games

SANTOS' CLUB RECORD (All comps)

	Games	Goals	Assists
VASCO DA GAMA (2021-23)	49	9	0
CHELSEA (2023-26)	47	3	5
NOTTM FOREST (2023-24, loan)	2	0	0
STRASBOURG (2024-25, loan)	45	12	4

CARRICK . . . in charge

RASH

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pair then worked together for nearly six years after Carrick became a coach.

Rashford spent last season on loan at Barca and publicly declared his wish to stay at the Nou Camp.

But the LaLiga champs passed on the £26million option-to-buy and signed his Three Lions team-mate Anthony Gordon from Newcastle for £69m.

Rashford is United's top earner on a whopping £325,000 a week.

Following a stunning 30-goal season, he signed a new five-year contract in summer 2023. But, since then, he has netted just 15 times for the club.

His problems at United started under Erik ten Hag.

The Dutchman was furious when he attended a birthday party hours after the 3-0 Manchester derby defeat in October 2023.

And Rashford was axed for the FA Cup fourth-round tie at Newport County three months later following a boozy midweek jaunt to Belfast.

PREM COUNTDOWN

11 DAYS TO GO

NEWCASTLE winger Harvey Barnes *(below)* scored the latest goal in the Prem last season — 11min 48sec into second-half stoppage time v Leeds, with the Toon winning 4-3.

Barnes netted seven Prem goals (and 16 in all comps) last term and has bagged 30 in 120 games since joining in 2023.

Toon exit for Pope

MATTHIAS JAISSLE admits Nick Pope's Newcastle career appears to be over.

The goalkeeper, 34, was Eddie Howe's long-term No1 but was left out of the squad for Saturday's friendly win over Valencia.

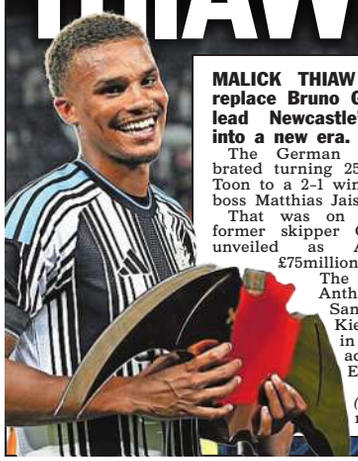
Czech Lukas Hornicek — just signed for £25.7million — will be first choice while fellow new face, £18.5m Ewen Jaouen, will play back-up.

Celtic are believed to be weighing up a potential swoop for Pope.

Jaissle said: "I had a talk with Nick. I really appreciate what he did in his career so far — and he knows exactly his situation right now.

"We need to deal with it in the best possible way."

THIAW WON'T BRU-D



MALICK THIAW is ready to replace Bruno Guimaraes and lead Newcastle's youngsters into a new era.

By GARY STONEHOUSE

The German defender celebrated turning 25 by captaining Toon to a 2-1 win in Valencia in boss Matthias Jaissle's first game.

That was on the same day former skipper Guimaraes was unveiled as Arsenal's new £75million signing.

The Brazilian joined Anthony Gordon, Sandro Tonali and Kieran Trippier in leaving – in addition to boss Eddie Howe.

But Thiaw *(left)* says those remaining at St James' Park and the youngsters brought in as replacements are all looking forward to a "new page" in Newcastle's history.

And he believes they should be targeting European football despite many predicting another tough campaign.

Thiaw said: "You lose a great player and an even better person. We have to be grateful for what Bruno did for Newcastle. That's sometimes how football works

"But now it's a new page. We're looking forward to it.

"Of course, those players will be missed but we have a great team now and the transfer window isn't closed yet.

"Now players have different roles – me included. We have to step up. It's a good challenge for us. We have a lot of quality, a lot of potential.

"Sometimes you have to say goodbye to players and to the coach as well. You have to just keep going, be optimistic and go with the way the new coach wants you to play now.

"Last season wasn't the best season in the Premier League. We had the quality to perform much, much better.

"We should always aim for better. We're going really motivated into the season."

On the captaincy, Thiaw said: "It's a big honour. If the coach gives me this permanently, I'll try to do the best to also lead with the other guys as well.

"If you want to lead, you have to perform first of all."

Ipswich's Ex factor

IPSWICH have made a shock bid for Bayer Leverkusen midfielder Exequiel Palacios.

But the Prem new boys face competition from FOUR clubs in England and Germany for the Argentina 2022 World Cup winner.

Palacios, 27, joined the Bundesliga club from River Plate seven years ago, helping them win a domestic double in 2024.

The Tractor Boys have spent £100million-plus on TEN new players since sealing promotion straight back to the Prem in May.

PREM

MARESCA'S MISSION

ONE MAR CHANCE...

Not the Enz yet for Omar & Sav

TWO QUICK . . . Marmoush grabs his second goal in two minutes for City

OMAR MARMOUSH and Savinho have both been linked with moves to Tottenham this summer.

From **MARTIN BLACKBURN** in SEOUL

And given the way things have gone for the pair at Manchester City, it would be no surprise if they fancy a new start in London.

But they might just be starting to reconsider staying at the Etihad after all.

New manager Enzo Maresca likes to play with wingers – and both Savinho *(right)* and Antoine Semenyo ran riot against Atletico Madrid at Seoul's World Cup Stadium as City came from behind to win 3-1.

And if wingers are beating their opposing full-backs and pinging balls across, that is usually good news for forwards.

This time it was Egypt World Cup ace Marmoush who benefitted, with two identical goals in the space of two minutes.

He said: "It's amazing to be back. I'm enjoying myself a lot. As a striker, goals really give you confidence.

"It's been amazing in pre-season, trying to learn new tactics, new patterns and what the coach wants.

"We are starting to get the hang of it and we've done really well. Now we go home and will look to keep going."

Erling Haaland – due to report back to the Etihad in midweek – will certainly have been licking his lips if he was watching.

Marmoush was dismayed by his lack of game time last season and Maresca hinted the £59million former Eintracht Frankfurt star could look for a move this month.

Maresca said: "The answer has to be similar to the one I gave about James Trafford. Players work every day, they want to play.

"When they don't play, they are not happy.

"Omar did not play a lot last year so his desire is probably to play more minutes.

"It doesn't mean that he isn't going to play more minutes here – but it's also his decision."

Whoever plays up front for City – and most weeks it is going to be Haaland – will be supplied with plenty of opportunities if the team perform like this.

Maresca was scratching his head over how his side went in a goal behind to Atletico at the break despite serving up a series of chances.

He said: "The message at half-time was quite clear. We cannot create the amount of situations inside the box and not finish the action. There, we need to be clinical – it's something we need to improve and slowly we are getting better there.

"With Erling, we can be even more dangerous. Omar scored twice – it's good boost for him and I'm happy with that."

City are not going to allow Brazilian Savinho or Marmoush to move unless they get the money they want – and both gave a reminder here as to why they will not come cheap.

They missed chances as City found a patched-up Atletico defence to their liking early on in front of a crowd of more than 50,000.

Savinho saw one low effort saved and then curled another attempt inches wide.

But City fell behind just before the break, defender Jorge Dominguez steering the ball past keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma.

The 16-year-old is already being tipped for great things.

City's equaliser arrived when Semenyo did brilliantly to keep the ball in play and go past his man.

The Ghanaian's low cross was turned in by Marmoush – and a couple of minutes later the same combination were at it again.

Semenyo burst down the left and rolled over a cross that his team-mate could hardly miss.

Sub Rayan Ait-Nouri fired home a third to ensure City ended their Far East tour on a high.

Maresca and his squad will land back home this morning ahead of Sunday's Community Shield against Arsenal in Cardiff.

MARESCA . . . orders

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between the two clubs is significant, with the star only having a year left on his deal.

Most of the players who reached the latter stages of the World Cup are due to report to the City Football Academy on Wednesday.

Rodri has been given a couple of extra days off — because of the minor back surgery he had in the days after lifting the trophy for Spain.

That means he would have been unlikely to feature against Arsenal in the Community Shield in Cardiff on Sunday anyway.

Asked if there were any updates on his midfielder's future, new boss Maresca said nothing has changed.

He said: "At the moment he will be back in Manchester on the 14th."

Whether he returns to the North West — his home for the past seven years — now very much depends on Barca.

The Spanish champs are confident of getting their man but City are not going to allow him to leave on the cheap.

Sources at the Etihad say they will look for a replacement if Rodri does leave the club.

So they want a quick resolution on the Spaniard's future to give them time to sign one.

There are just over three weeks left of the window and City will hope for some clarity in the coming days.

Maresca and his players flew back to Manchester last night after completing their three-match Far East tour with a 3-1 win over Atletico Madrid.

Superstar striker Erling Haaland and £116m record-signing Elliot Anderson are among those who will link up with their team-mates for the first time on Wednesday.

SETBACK . . . Isak nets Reds' first but they went on to lose 3-2 to Monaco

Isak: We will still be Reddy

ALEXANDER ISAK is confident that Liverpool will be ready for their Prem opener — despite another pre-season defeat.

By ROSS GREGORY

The Reds squandered a two-goal lead for the second friendly on the bounce – this time against Monaco at Anfield.

A week after losing 4-2 to Leeds on the final leg of their US tour, Sweden striker Isak and German midfielder Florian Wirtz had the home side in control inside the opening half-hour.

But the Ligue 1 outfit staged a fine comeback to win 3-2, sparked by Aleksandr Golovin's 44th-minute penalty.

Liverpool captain Virgil van Dijk – on his first outing since returning from the World Cup – brought down the Russian, who did the rest from 12 yards.

Mika Biereth then levelled for Monaco in the second half before Paris Brunner's thumping late header completed the comeback.

Andoni Iraola's team face Italians Como at home next, before their curtain raiser at Newcastle on August 23.

Isak said: "The spirit is good in the group and we're all working hard to make things work. It was really nice to be back at home, back in front of the fans and get some more minutes into the legs. That felt good.

"We're going to make sure that we're ready for the start."

Isak is looking for a strong second season at Anfield, after his first campaign following his British-record £130million move from Newcastle was disrupted by a broken leg last December.

He made just eight Premier League starts and scored only four goals in all competitions.

But Isak has started the last two friendlies and said: "I feel good. Every game hopefully should take me to a better fitness level, so that's what I'm working towards.

"This game felt better than the last and hopefully the next game feels better than this one. That's what pre-season is for – building – and that's what we have to keep doing."

Isak's 16th-minute goal was a solid finish past keeper Lukas Hradecky.

Wirtz *(below)* followed that up before the half-hour, though Isak may claim the final touch.

Manager Iraola had mixed feelings about his first taste of Anfield in the dugout.

He said: "Especially considering we won the first two games but not the last two, we cannot sustain the level that we want for all the game.

"As soon as we have made some changes, they start to get tired. We cannot sustain that level, so we have work to do.

"The problem is right now probably they don't have the energy for 90 minutes. It will take time with them – we need more training with them.

"We can take a lot of positives – but also a lot of negatives."

RICE . . . new team-mate

LEVEL

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to have him. We want to go to the next level."

Guimaraes has already trained with his new Gunners team-mates.

And Arteta added: "We're going to need players with such a personality, desire and character to push everybody inside the organisation to go even higher.

"We see the energy he brought immediately to the training ground, the hunger and the desire to come here. That's the ambition we need."

Guimaraes penned a four-year deal with the option for an additional 12 months.

He could even be involved in Wednesday's final pre-season outing with Como at the Emirates.

Arteta is sure Guimaraes will complement fellow midfielders Declan Rice, Martin Zubimendi, Myles Lewis-Skelly and Mikel Merino.

The Gunners boss said: "He has tremendous timing and intuition to win the ball back and progress play very fast.

"He is very comfortable putting people through, moving between the lines, moving in behind.

"Then he's a goal threat. He's got a smell and really good timing to get in the box.

"And he has the capacity to finish the actions."

Arsenal still hope to do further business after missing out on Vinicius Jr, who signed a new contract at Real Madrid.

Arteta said: "It has to be the right player in the market to make us much better. We're very much looking forward to that."

Brennan swap bid

By JAKE SANDERS

CRYSTAL PALACE and Everton are in talks over swapping Brennan Johnson and Dwight McNeil.

Both players are thought to be keen on moving and the deal will not involve a fee.

Toffees winger McNeil, 26, nearly joined the Eagles on a loan-to-buy in February but the switch collapsed.

Johnson, 25, has had a torrid time at Selhurst Park since his £35million arrival from Tottenham in January, failing to score in 26 games.

The Wales wideman did, however, lift the Conference League.

It was his second European title in two years, having scored the winner for Spurs against Manchester United in the Europa League final 12 months earlier.

McNeil has played more than 100 games for Everton following his move from Burnley four years ago.

PREMIER LEAGUE LONDON

HERE'S LOOKING AT BRU . . . Arsenal fans greet Guimaraes outside the Emirates tunnel yesterday

TITLE'S NO

Bruno paraded but Gunners

ARSENAL'S pre-season struggles are a warning of what the future could hold if their World Cup stars are not quickly back up to speed.

By JOSHUA HALL

And the Gunners will be desperate to get new £75million signing Bruno Guimaraes involved as soon as possible to ensure their Premier League title defence does not falter early on.

The reigning champs have leaked six goals across back-to-back friendly defeats as Mikel Arteta battles to manage his depleted squad.

Yesterday's 3-2 home loss to Germans Borussia Dortmund was the first time since April 2023 that Arsenal had conceded three or more goals in successive games.

Bizarrely, this Emirates Cup clash still ended with a pre-planned penalty shootout, which Arsenal won 5-4.

But – on the back of Wednesday's 3-1 defeat to Real Betis in Dublin – that will have done little to quieten the alarm bells for Arteta with the Community Shield just **SIX** days away.

Arsenal head to Cardiff on Sunday to take on Enzo Maresca's Manchester City in the annual curtain-raiser.

City have dispatched teams like Atletico Madrid in pre-season while Arteta's champions have struggled to click. The England quartet of Declan Rice, Bukayo Saka, Noni Madueke and Eberechi Eze – as well as Spanish World Cup winners Mikel Merino, David Raya and Martin Zubimendi – will only fully begin their preparations today.

Captain Martin Odegaard played just 30 minutes against Dortmund after returning to training last week.

Jurrien Timber and William Saliba remain sidelined with groin and back injuries respectively and are not expected to be ready for the start of the season. Worringly, Saliba could be out for months.

And the Dortmund defeat highlighted the North Londoners' frailties when Saliba and Timber are unavailable.

Cristhian Mosquera fell asleep, allowing Samuele Inacio to ghost in behind him and score the opener for Dortmund.

And Arsenal finished the game with 18-year-old prospect Theo Julienne at right-back after Ben White was hooked –

CLUBS TOIL IN FRIENDLIES

SWEDE FINISH . . . Gyokeres' 69th-min pen makes it 3-2

LION OFF DUTY . . . Jude Bellingham watches bro Jobe

HEAD BOY . . . Jobe Bellingham (right) hails Gadou goal

GUIMME show cracks without WC stars

exposing a lack of depth. Arteta revealed after the game that Dutch full-back Timber and France centre-half Saliba are still some way from match fitness.

The Arsenal boss said: "Jurrien is progressing really well. He's on the pitch, he's doing quite a lot right now.

"But he's still weeks away. I cannot tell you how much.

"And William is in rest mode at the moment for two weeks. He had to do almost nothing, don't aggravate the injury.

"It's going to take some time to heal. We know that."

In midfield, Myles Lewis-Skelly has been operating as a lone No 6, rivals running riot around him without an experienced head to help him through the game.

That was clear as Konstantino Karetsas stormed through Arsenal's midfield as if it did not exist, before firing in a curling effort to put Dortmund 2-0 up.

Guimaraes, paraded out on the pitch before kick-off, can be the man to help solve that when Arsenal take on City on Sunday, but only if he is ready.

Arteta will be scrambling to integrate the Brazil midfielder into training and get him up to scratch during their final pre-season friendly against Como on Wednesday.

Jude Bellingham was in the stands at the Emirates to support his brother Jobe, who started in midfield for Dortmund.

And what Arteta would give to have a superstar like him available to command the middle of the park in the absence of Rice and Zubimendi.

The Arsenal duo have not kicked a ball since the World Cup – and returning for the Community Shield seems unlikely.

However, Arteta said that some of his World Cup stars could be fast-tracked back if they were used sparingly Stateside.

He added: "We have very different groups within the same time that they are coming back. Some of them, they've done more. Others, they've done less.

"Some of them, they almost didn't participate in the World Cup in terms of minutes. So they are all at very different stages."

There were positives in the display of the Gunners' new addition Christos Tzolis – who created Ethan Nwaneri's goal to make it 2-1 and won a penalty that Viktor Gyokeres put away on 69 minutes after Joane Gadou's third for Dortmund.

But it feels paramount Arteta gets some of his stars back soon, with Arsenal facing a monstrous start to the season.

After City, the Gunners face Coventry, Aston Villa and Chelsea in a tricky opening to their Premier League defence.

If they have to face those challenges without their best players back in action, they could hit a stumbling block or two – leaving them playing catch-up in the title race.

Delap spot on in crazy tour draw

By DAN KING

CHELSEA'S pre-season tour ended in farce — but the Blues at least escaped humiliation.

A late own goal by their opponents, Malaysian side Johor Darul Ta'zim, meant an action-packed match of six goals and **EIGHT** bookings ended 3-3.

But as Chelsea were preparing for a penalty shootout – and with one member of Blues staff heard to say: "It's in the contract" – there was confusion.

Both teams left the field and never returned, as word emerged there would be no dramatic climax to a chaotic game.

Ending three weeks in Australia and the Far East with defeat would have been embarrassing. Even though the Blues fielded a mostly second string sprinkled with youngsters against a club that has won the last 12 Malaysian titles.

FLARE-UP . . . Alonso (left)

Manager Xabi Alonso still had plenty to ponder after watching this.

The Spaniard will have been particularly pleased with the performances of Liam Delap, Nicolas Jackson and Reggie Watson, a 16-year-old midfielder who filled in superbly at centre-back.

But the new Blues boss will also have learnt his back-up players are not nearly as capable of playing his favoured 3-4-2-1 formation as his big stars.

Barely 24 hours after a stronger side had looked very comfortable in that set-up while beating AC Milan 3-0, the Blues were exposed time and time again between the wing-backs and outside centre-halves. Arif Aiman gave JDT a deserved lead and they could have been three up before Delap won and converted a penalty.

Chelsea's No 9 should have put the Blues ahead before the break, only to miss a good chance laid on by Jackson.

But Delap made no mistake from the spot on the hour after Jamie Gittens, who otherwise had a terrible time in the left wing-back position, was fouled in the box.

JDT hit back when Oscar Arribas' free-kick took a massive deflection off Delap – and were on course to win when substitute Bergson took advantage of a Dario Essugo error with four minutes remaining.

But late sub Mykhailo Mudryk made his mark by crossing for Delap to glance a header which bounced off JDT's Antonio Glauder and into the net.

It was justice done, after Glauder had escaped with only a yellow card for a horrible foul on Delap which had earlier sparked a mass confrontation.

While players jostled on the pitch, Chelsea set-piece coach Austin MacPhee was involved in an angry exchange with the opposition bench.

But there was more bemusement than anger on the touchline when the game ended – and a penalty shootout did not follow.

TREVOH CHALOBAH has completed his move to Italian side Como for an initial £25.7million.

The defender, 27, signed a five-year deal with Cesc Fabregas' side.

GOOD NIC . . . two-goal Delap (right) hailed by Jackson

PREMIER LEAGUE THE SPECIAL

I agreed to take over from Fergie at United

JOSE REVEALS TEARFUL CALL WITH

JOSE MOURINHO sensationally revealed he agreed to succeed Sir Alex Ferguson as Manchester United manager.

But the Portuguese boss pulled out of the deal at the last minute and rang Sir Alex in tears to tell him the news.

Mourinho, 63, has opened up on the dramatic tale from 2013 during his new, self-titled documentary that will premiere on Netflix tomorrow.

And the Special One explained how his "love" for Chelsea made him return to Stamford Bridge – when he could have got the Old Trafford job ahead of David Moyes.

Speaking in the three-part series, Mourinho said: "I go to Chelsea in 2013 but in that period there is something that nobody knows.

"I can say because I don't hurt anyone with the truth and the objective of this work we are doing is to tell the truth.

"When I left Real Madrid, I signed with Manchester United to go after Sir Alex.

"I was very flattered, because Man United has an incredible appeal.

"When I say Real Madrid is the biggest club in the world, I have to say Man United is very, very close. But one thing is love for football and another thing is love for a certain club.

"This is more powerful than love for football.

"Fundamentally, after Real, I needed to feel I am loved.

"To lose the chance to be the coach that succeeded Sir Alex Ferguson was dramatic.

"But I don't regret it, because it was a decision I made with my heart.

"It is nature that says when you do something for love, you are never doing anything wrong.

"It is nature. I did it for love."

Fergie was convinced Jose would be following in his footsteps after the pair held talks.

Mourinho was coming off the back of a turbulent three years at the Bernabeu where he had fallen out with the dressing room.

He did, however, beat Pep Guardiola's Barcelona to the Copa del Rey in his debut season of 2010-11 and then won LaLiga the following year.

Jose, who has just returned for a second stint in charge of Real, eventually took the United job

By **SIMON COLLINGS**

GLORY . . . Mourinho and Terry

We saw Trotters training

CHELSEA once obtained footage of Bolton training to help their Premier League title challenge.

Long before Southampton were caught out spying on Middlesbrough ahead of last season's Championship play-offs, Jose Mourinho's Blues were up to tricks of their own.

An interesting revelation from the new Netflix documentary is Mourinho's use of video analysis.

Andre Villas-Boas, who later managed Chelsea and Tottenham, was in charge of that area.

AVB said: "That was the breakthrough in terms of match analysis.

"Not a lot of people were doing it to the extent we were at the time.

"Sometimes the DVD player didn't work and Jose used to destroy the projector or DVD player!"

One of the sessions involved training-ground footage from Sam Allardyce's Bolton when William Gallas was John Terry's defensive partner.

I'd leave that pitch in a coffin for Jose – JOHN TERRY

Terry, Mourinho's captain, explained: "Big Sam is saying: 'Hit Gallas, he's not very good in the air'.

"He's spitting and stuff like that on the mic.

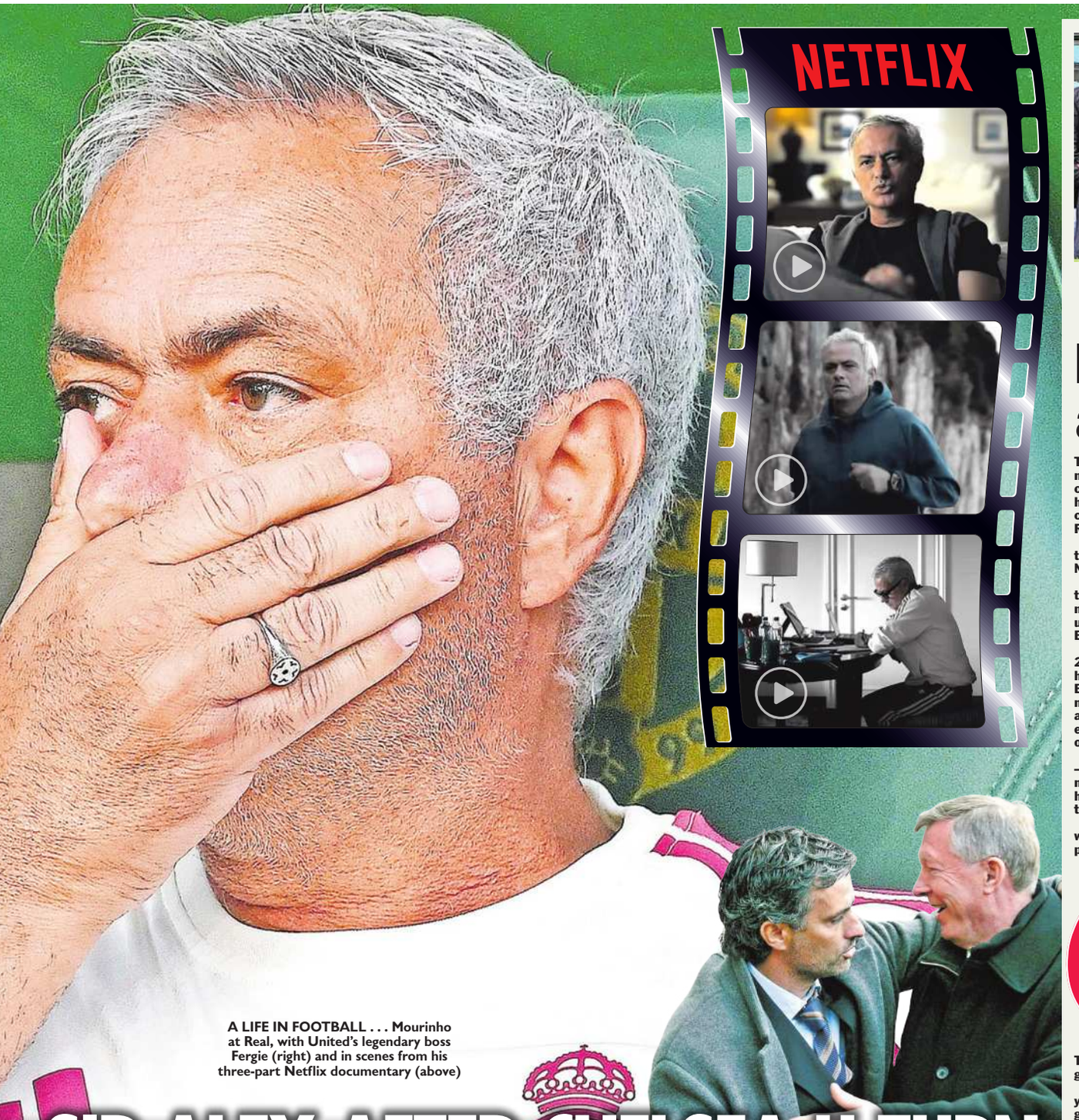
"It was just, wow, who gets footage from someone's training ground? I am still not sure where he got the footage from!"

Terry, 45, says he would have been prepared to be carried out in a "coffin" such was his devotion to ex-boss Mourinho during 5½ trophy-laden seasons together across two spells.

And JT recalls taking a pain-killing injection just to join in training after his manager ignored him because he was injured.

Terry said: "For him, I would give everything. I would leave that pitch in a coffin for him."

ONE'S NEW DOCUMENTARY



A LIFE IN FOOTBALL . . . Mourinho at Real, with United's legendary boss Fergie (right) and in scenes from his three-part Netflix documentary (above)

SIR ALEX AFTER CHELSEA U-TURN

in 2016 after Louis van Gaal was sacked. But legendary gaffer Sir Alex believed he would directly succeed him.

Sir Alex's replacement was Moyes *(left)* – the man believed to be his personal choice.

However, Fergie, 84, reveals in the documentary: "Jose was offered the job, yes. I sat him down and explained the situation.

"And, as far as I was concerned, he was accepting. And then, within hours, it changed.

"Early evening, he phoned me and he was crying. And he says, 'Alex, I cannot take it, I gave my word to Chelsea and I am not going to break my word'.

"The reason he gave to me I can understand but I was disappointed." Mourinho cannot imagine retiring and believes he could still be managing in his 70s.

And he cannot resist having a pop at his old rival Pep by ruling out ever taking a sabbatical.

Mourinho signed a three-year contract with Real this summer after being tempted away from Benfica in his homeland.

And he claims he has plenty more fuel in the tank to continue a career that has also seen him take charge of Porto, Inter Milan, Tottenham, Roma and Fenerbahce.

He added: "I cannot even imagine when I am going to stop my life in football. I say ten more years but maybe more than ten. It's fun. It was, it is and will always be fun. I want to win more titles. I want to win new titles. I want to repeat titles.

"I want to do it in places where I have never been. I want to do it in places where I did before.

"My world is to walk in a football stadium with 50,000 or 90,000 fans. I had 100,000. That is my world.

"Without football, there is not something complete in me.

"But I don't feel it as an obsession. It is just when you reach a certain level, you want to stay there forever."

Mourinho has been in management since 2000, when he was placed in charge of Benfica.

The documentary 'Mourinho' charts his rise from there, including a fiery three years at Real between 2010-13 where he repeatedly clashed with Barca boss Guardiola.

The Spaniard had a year off after leaving the Nou Camp in 2012, before returning to management at Bayern Munich.

And he is taking another break after ending his ten-year reign with Manchester City in May.

But Mourinho vowed he will never do the same – as time away would be a sign of weakness.

The self-styled Special One said: "Some guys, they need a sabbatical – I hate that word.

"For me, sabbatical means weakness. Don't speak about sabbaticals."

Pointing to the sky, he added: "I never need a rest. I will have a rest when He decides to say, 'Come up'."

REQUEST . . . Jose with Rom

Roman left high and dry

THE SPECIAL ONE has managed football's top clubs — but 20 years ago he almost found himself coaching the crew of Roman Abramovich's yacht.

Mourinho, 63, revealed the story in his upcoming Netflix documentary.

The Portuguese gaffer's two Chelsea stints dominate the show as he opens up on life under former Blues owner Abramovich.

And one incident from 2007, towards the end of his first spell at Stamford Bridge, sticks in Jose's mind as he recalled CEO at the time Peter Kenyon explaining Abramovich's outlandish request.

He said: "Roman changed — one day Peter came to me quite embarrassed and he told me, 'Jose, I have to tell you something.

"'The boss is in Sardinia with his boat and the people that work on it.

> Mr Roman would say your first option is my first option
> – JOSE MOURINHO

They play football against guys from the hotel.

"'They are losing. Can you go there and win a game for him?'

"I told him, 'No, Peter, I have training today. I have to prepare for tomorrow. I cannot go'. And he was not happy with that."

Abramovich and Mourinho may have been frosty with each other by then but, before that, the pair had worked in harmony.

Hired in 2004, the Special One led Chelsea to back-to-back Prem titles, bankrolled by their Russian owner's billions.

Mourinho said: "I spoke to Mr Roman about transfers. I'd say, 'Look, that's my first option, but I have here my second option, my third, fourth and fifth'.

"He would say, 'You think about football, I think about money. Your first option is my first option'."

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MARCUS FLIES IN TO SAVE UTD CAREER

MARCUS RASHFORD is back at Manchester United — and wants to save his Old Trafford career.

From SAMUEL LUCKHURST in Dublin

The England World Cup star returned to the club’s Carrington HQ yesterday before flying to Dublin with his team-mates for a training camp.

United sources say the forward is committed to making a fist of it back at his boyhood club following a turbulent three years.

Rashford, 28, has not played for the Red Devils since December 2024 after then-boss Ruben Amorim took exception to his attitude and dropped him. But after 18 months out on loan at Aston Villa and Barcelona, the academy product has been given the No14 shirt and could play in Saturday’s friendly against Amorim’s AC Milan in Poland.

Wednesday’s Croke Park clash with Leeds here looks too soon for his comeback match.

Boss Michael Carrick was captain when Rashford made his first-team debut in October 2016, aged 18. The

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FAN-TASTIC . . . Marcus Rashford poses for a picture with a United fan in Dublin yesterday

GUIMARAES . . . welcomed

Bruno is next level

By JOSHUA HALL

MIKEL ARTETA reckons new £75million star Bruno Guimaraes can take Arsenal to another level.

The Brazil midfielder — signed from Newcastle on Saturday — was paraded to the Emirates faithful before yesterday’s 3-2 pre-season defeat to Borussia Dortmund.

Guimaraes, 28, could make his debut in Sunday’s Community Shield against Manchester City.

Jubilant Gunners boss Arteta said: “I’m delighted

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RODRI . . . wants move

Roddy ’n waiting...

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

ENZO MARESCA told wantaway midfielder Rodri he expects to see him back at Manchester City on Friday.

The World Cup winner, 30, is a target for Barcelona and sources close to him say he has his heart set on a Nou Camp move.

Catalan giants Barca made an opening offer of around £38.5million last Friday — which was laughed off by City.

They value him at higher than £60m, so the distance

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Tom has Mojo back

BIG MOJO got his career back on track with a cosy win in the Group 3 Phoenix Sprint Stakes.

Mick Appleby's Group 1 winner had been well-beaten on his three outings this season but made the drop to Group 3 company count at the Curragh under usual pilot Tom Marquand.

The 5-4 favourite was always handy in the five-runner field and ran on well past Bucanero Fuerte to take the spoils.

By EAMONN HAMES

It was a first winner in Ireland for Appleby, who said: "We brought him here just to give him a bit more confidence.

"Now that he's got his head back in front hopefully he'll go and do it again. He's as good as ever. He's just got a bit more laid-back, like me!

"It's hard to win these. There are lots of good sprinters."

TOP MARKS IN GERMANY

SIR MARK PRESCOTT'S star Tiffany struck in the Group 1 Grosser Preis von Berlin at Hoppegarten yesterday. She saw off the running on Bright Light. Prescott said: "I'm relieved, delighted and very proud of the filly. She's a true star."

Sam's Maur magic

SAMANGAN finally delivered on the big stage as he battled to a gutsy win in the Prix Maurice de Gheest.

Francis Graffard's (*below*) three-year-old was a classic hope earlier in the season but could well reach the top of the sprinting charts now after he saw off Divison and Stolen Kiss in the Deauville Group 1.

Aidan O'Brien's 1,000 Guineas winner True Love could only finish a well-beaten fifth.

Nemone Routh, racing manager for the winning owners, said: "He's a lovely horse, he's very genuine. He was really brave.

"He could go to Ascot on Champions Day, but I think he's better on good, firm ground, that's another thing we've found.

"I think if it got too soft he wouldn't go there. He's a relaxed horse and he can get seven. It all depends on the ground."

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HAPPY SUN-DAY . . . Sun Goddess was well on top at the end of the Group 1 Phoenix Stakes at the Curragh for in-form jockey Ryan Moore (*below*) who rode a treble

By CALLUM JAMIESON

AIDAN O'BRIEN hailed his flying filly Sun Goddess as she dominated the Phoenix.

It was an 18th win in the Curragh Group 1 for dominant O'Brien but his first with a filly who saw off **Folsom Blues** and **Velozee** under red-hot Ryan Moore.

Moore, fresh off his Silver Saddle win in the Shergar Cup at Ascot, rode a treble on the card.

Stablemate Carry The Flag ensured a hot pace in the six furlong sprint and Sun Goddess briefly looked in trouble in the run.

But she picked up when it mattered to go into a commanding lead on the outside before putting the race to bed.

She was cut into 10-1 from 14s for next year's 1,000 Guineas. O'Brien said: "She's very special, we think.

"She had a good run into this, her work was beautiful. We could go to the Moyglare, the Cheveley and America."

O'Brien revealed **Gstaad** will miss a clash with Bow Echo in the Marois on Sunday.

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5.57..................Texas Red	5.57................How's Ellie
6.27Koeur A Prendre (nb)	6.27................Chemdawg
6.57............Grey Gardens	6.57......Spread The Faith
7.27........Killowen House	7.27.Run For The Border
7.57..................Gainsville	7.57.......Western Shores
8.30.PILGRIMS WALK (nap)	8.30.....Cornaroya Rocco

■TIC-TAC: R-H sharp track of 1m 4f, four hurdles, six fences. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): W Mullins 24-76, G Elliott 20-161. THIS SEASON: H De Bromhead 2, G Elliott 2. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D J O'Keeffe 12-121, D Mullins 12-65. THIS SEASON: D Mullins 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Rumi Rock (7.57) trained at Tipperary. Round trip of 230 miles. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: P J Rothwell won the 6.27 in 2021 and 2025. ■GOING: GOOD ■LIVE ON RACING TV

5.26 C.J. SHEERAN LTD 3-Y-O MAIDEN HURDLE; 3-y-o; winner €7,200; 2m 109yds. (13 runners)

1 CAMP VERDE J Hanlon 11-0....Gary Noonan —
2 P9 CONNOR OF MALI 24 L Archdeacon 11-0....Alan O'Sullivan (5) 70
3 6 DIVELMENT 24 W Durkan 11-0....Philip Byrnes 78
4 2 MINELLA BUOY 24 (H) J Nallen 11-0....Daniel King ●99
5 MOTHERLAND G Elliott 11-0....Danny Gilligan —
6 3 MOUNT EDEN 65 S Slevin 11-0....J J Slevin 88
7 3 NICKY LARSON 39 P Nolan 11-0....Sean Flanagan 97
8 NOD OF APPROVAL F14 J Harrington 11-0....Simon Torrens —
9 47 WORDS UNSPOKEN 24 (H★) S Curling 11-0....Phillip Enright 85
10 DIVINE BELIEVER F21 H Bromhead 10-7....Darragh O'Keeffe —
11 4 NO BOTHER AOIFE 24 G Cromwell 10-7....Conor Stone-Walsh 95
12 SANDS CASTLE F16 (H★) A Sexton 10-7....Connor Lamon (7) —
13 2 SOFI'S GIFT 39 C Murphy 10-7....Eoghan Finegan (5) 98

BETTING: 3 Sofi's Gift, 7-2 Nicky Larson, 4 Minella Buoy, 7 No Bother Aoife
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 5 1 3 3
2025: Hopes Are High 11-0 Philip Byrnes 14-1 (W Durkan), 13 ran.

5.57 BANK OF IRELAND BRENDAN MALONEY MEMORIAL MAIDEN HURDLE; win €7,200; 2m109yds. (15 run)

1 CRYSTAL MARINER F36 J Hanlon 6-11-12....Darragh O'Keeffe —
2 2F-48 BE MY FORTUNE 27 G Elliott 5-11-4....Jack Kennedy 80
3 05-9 BOO RADLEY 29 (T★) W P Mullins 5-11-4....Sean Cleary-Farrell (7) 72
4 3PFP-60 DISCRETE 56 G O'Connor 5-11-4....Shane Fitzgerald 70
5 ROCKSTAR REBEL T O'Connor 5-11-4....Mr Turlough O'Connor (7) —
6 4 SALTY RACER 106 N Kelly 5-11-4....Conor Stone-Walsh 82
7 6455-84 TEXAS RED 17 (P★) P Rothwell 6-11-4....Ross Sugrue (7) 92
8 0 HURLING ACADEMY 17 E Bolger 4-11-1....Aidan Kelly 70
9 P-P TREV THE REV 12 P Gilligan 4-11-1....Jack G Gilligan (5) 70
10 78640-5 CERTOSA 74 W O'Doherty 5-10-11....Philip Byrnes 77
11 55-62 HOW'S ELLIE 20 W P Mullins 5-10-11....Paul Townend ●99
12 P0 LEVA DEVA 62 D Collins 5-10-11....Phillip Enright 70
13 67 LEXENNA 29 D Collins 5-10-11....J J Slevin 81
14 6- SEA LIMIT 120 E O'Sullivan 6-10-11....Mr A O'Sullivan (5) 76
15 9 TIFFANY CASE 20 B Connell 5-10-11....Sean Flanagan 79
16 FF-P KALINKA DE LOIRE 99 (T★) K Heffernan 6-10-11....RESERVE 70

BETTING: 5-6 How's Ellie, 9-2 Texas Red, 11-2 Boo Radley, 7 Crystal Mariner
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1 1 4 1
2025: Leave In Secret 6-11-4 Darragh O'Keeffe Evens Fav (T Gibney), 11 ran.

6.27 CUMMINS HOMEVALUE HARDWARE HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 109yds. (14 runners)

1 241P-6P LONG GONE 57 (V★;D) N Kelly 8-11-12....Darragh O'Keeffe 91
2 15/5-10 SECRET ROCK 25 (D) C Collins 7-11-7....Eoin Walsh 95
3 000-15 FIGERO F21 (D) T Mullins 5-11-5....Michael Kenneally (5) 95
4 40-0440 GO TO TOWN 4 (P★) R O'Sullivan 6-11-1....Eoin Staples (5) ●99
5 /310-76 RIPSNORTER 20 W Lanigan 5-11-1....Danny Mullins 92
6 8017-65 HOUNDSWORTH 20 (D) M McNiff 4-11-0....Alan King (7) 95
7 2/7390- FREMANTLE DOCTOR 161 J McConnell 8-10-13....Patrick O'Brien (5) 86
8 -705230 LE DIABLO 7 J Ryan 5-10-12....J J Slevin 98
9 8747-67 ATLANTIC GAMBLE 76 P Gilligan 5-10-11....Danny Gilligan 92
10 126F0/0 FINAL DECISION 86 P Rothwell 7-10-11....Tiernan Power Roche 84
11 770-22 KOEUR A PRENDRE 25 M Molloy 6-10-10....Daniel King 98
12 50909-P BRAVE CROGHA 76 (V★) I Madden 7-10-5....Alan O'Sullivan (5) 85
13 611-P47 THEANNIVERSARY MAN 31 J Barcoe 7-10-2....Conor Stone-Walsh 97
14 4PP21-2 CHEMDAWG F52 (B) O McKiernan 7-10-1....Phillip Enright 95

BETTING: 3 Koeur A Prendre, 4 Chemdawg, 9-2 Go To Town, 8 Houndsworth
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 8 4 1 6
2025: Dontgowithjoe 4-10-9 Simon Torrens 40-1 (P J Rothwell), 9 ran.

6.57 BRODERICK'S ELECTRIC HANDICAP HURDLE (0-100); winner €6,000; 2m 109yds. (16 runners)

1 830-374 GREY GARDENS 38 P Nolan 5-11-13....Eoin Staples (5) 97
2 500-40 HOME BY THE SEA F12 P Fahy 6-11-13....J J Slevin 96
3 9/12-00 LET HIM B 74 (BF) C Byrnes 6-11-11....Philip Byrnes 90
4 60920/U THE VEGAS RAIDER 39 (V;C) K Heffernan 8-11-9....Shane Fitzgerald 82
5 09-0510 MAX MERIDIUS 7 (C) T Mullins 5-11-7....Danny Mullins 97
6 3806-62 COOL SUMMER 35 (H) H McLoughlin 6-11-2....Sean Flanagan ●99
7 /00P2-9 EURO MAKER 75 A Murray 5-11-2....Eoghan Finegan (5) 91
8 51229P- SAYITFIRST 246 (D) D Collins 10-11-2....Danny Gilligan 83
9 P-08308 VICTORIA KESIA 18 J Hanlon 5-11-2....Gary Noonan 95
10 500555- THE TOOTHPICKER 108 D Budds 9-11-1....Darragh O'Keeffe 96
11 48P0/0- ALL IN PEDER F34 K Dempsey 7-10-13....Ricky Doyle 83
12 0/PPP-4 SPREAD THE FAITH 81 O McKiernan 6-10-10....Phillip Enright 89
13 7/00-60 LUNAR LANDSCAPE 31 T Coyle 6-10-8....Alex Harvey 96
14 306-325 SIDIRIYA 18 P Rothwell 7-10-5....Tiernan Power Roche 97
15 7F-0088 BANGOR LADY 17 J Ryan 6-10-3....Daniel King 85
16 57462P/ WESTERN DOYEN 643 V O'Brien 13-10-1....Conor Stone-Walsh —
17 P0000-P CALM FLIGHT AHEAD 74 (B★) P Rothwell 5-10-8....RESERVE 82
18 965/0-F IKALIMIX 7 E O'Sullivan 8-11-10....RESERVE 80
19 790-090 MOULANE WEST 4 M McNiff 10-11-3....RESERVE 80

BETTING: 4 Grey Gardens, 5 Cool Summer, 6 Sidiriya, 7 Spread The Faith
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 2 1
2025: Shaboozee 4-11-11 J J Slevin 7-2 Fav (J P O'Brien), 15 ran.

7.27 BURLEIGH ACCOUNTANCY HANDICAP HURDLE; value to the winner €9,000; 3m 2f. (8 runners)

1 78560-0 MY TRUMP CARD 8 J McConnell 8-11-12....Eoin Staples (5) 85
2 61-3734 KILLOWEN HOUSE 12 P Gilligan 6-11-7....Jack G Gilligan (5) 95
3 P-P6572 DORANS LAW 19 (CD) P Rothwell 8-11-2....Ross Sugrue (7) 96
4 176-867 LORD FFRENCH 12 (T★) S Curling 6-11-2....Phillip Enright 88
5 367U-56 STRANGE CURRENCY 87 B McMahon 6-11-2....Philip Byrnes 91
6 00236-7 DOWN AROUND 31 (B) G Elliott 9-10-7....Sam Ewing 89
7 157-324 RUN FOR THE BORDER 4 (BF) J Ryan 6-10-5....Daniel King ●99
8 237-553 LADIAM 18 N Lee 9-10-2....Alan O'Sullivan (5) 98

BETTING: 7-4 Run For The Border, 10-3 Ladiam, 9-2 Killowen House, 11-2 Dorans Law
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 1 4 5 4
2025: Ad Caelum 6-11-1 Mr D McGill 13-2 (J P Ryan), 11 ran.

7.57 BAY LEAF MAIDEN HURDLE; value to the winner €7,200; 2m 6f 113yds. (15 runners)

1 2P/2P-5 BARTON SKY 17 J Hanlon 8-11-12....Daniel King 90
2 09 BOOMERANG BREEZE 31 T Doyle 8-11-12....Mr David Doyle (7) 70
3 0576-F0 DERBY ROCK 19 J King 7-11-12....Mr P A King (3) 70
4 22329-6 GAINSVILLE 57 H Bromhead 6-11-12....Darragh O'Keeffe 92
5 52-6376 HEY SIR 29 P Maher 7-11-12....J J Slevin 86
6 33505-5 KEEP EM QUITE 86 C Collins 5-11-12....Danny Gilligan ●99
7 P-U07 KILMOND KNIGHT 6 D Barry 6-11-12....Alan O'Sullivan (5) 70
8 P7-6060 RUMI ROCK 12 E Power 5-11-12....Phillip Enright 72
9 4P1-60 SCOTTY JOE 65 P Rothwell 5-11-12....Tiernan Power Roche 77
10 85-056P THREE COUNTY STAR 24 B Mortell 5-11-12....Conor Smithers (7) 82
11 P-00 LIKEYOUHAVEPLENTY 35 S O'Brien 5-11-5....Mark McDonagh 70
12 6-9 ROOM FOR ONE MORE 27 W P Mullins 5-11-5....Bria Hayes 88
13 688 SECRET MOON 27 J Hanlon 5-11-5....Josh Younge (7) 75
14 232P0-0 WALKINGMAYOTOMILAN 12 R O'Sullivan 5-11-5 Shane Markey (7) 81
15 556 WESTERN SHORES 37 (T★) G Elliott 5-11-5....Jack Kennedy 98
16 P1/07 GO TO THE MOON 35 M McNiff 6-11-12....RESERVE —

BETTING: 3 Keep Em Quite, 7-2 Gainsville, 5 Western Shores, 7 Room For One More
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

8.30 TIM KELLY GROUP HANDICAP HURDLE (0-100); value to the winner €6,000; 2m 6f 113yds. (16 runners)

1 431P-77 NOTHING HECTIC 58 (C) H McLoughlin 7-12-0....Phillip Enright 88
2 P65-4P2 CORNAROYA ROCCO 25 J Hanlon 5-11-13....Darragh O'Keeffe ●99
3 950/51- TANNERY PARK 440 (C) B Connell 6-11-13....Sean Flanagan 95
4 1PPPP-3 THE LITTLE YANK 31 (C) J Ryan 11-11-9....John Aherne (7) 94
5 080-2 PILGRIMS WALK 56 (P★) P Rothwell 4-11-8....Ross Sugrue (7) 98
6 9072P- POLITICAL STANCE 146 C Byrnes 6-11-7....Philip Byrnes 87
7 /6-0PF8 IT'S TIME AGAIN 20 (C) D Barry 10-11-6....Liam McKenna (3) 86
8 /P0-PP3 RANGER BILLY 20 K Heffernan 10-11-1....J J Slevin 93
9 4F0-750 POETIC FOCUS 29 A Slattery 6-11-0....Danny Gilligan 90
10 /09046- CHANCEITLUCKY 267 A Murray 7-10-12....Donagh Meyler 86
11 3P8-722 MOONSHINE GIRL 35 P Gilligan 7-10-10....Jack G Gilligan (5) 98
12 00P06-0 URBS INTACTA MANET 89 J Flavin 5-10-10....Daniel King 87
13 24/14-3 MINI GETAWAY 94 M Lynch 9-10-9....Alex Harvey 89
14 08R0 TAWNY LEA 17 T Coyle 6-10-8....Conor Stone-Walsh 87
15 48-F834 QUEEN KULINA 35 E Griffin 10-10-5....Shane O'Callaghan (3) 93
16 P39F-P3 LA TENE 20 J Ryan 8-10-2....Michael Kenneally (5) 96
17 P9-98P5 LOST FEATURES 20 D Collins 6-10-4....RESERVE 88
18 440444/ EVERYSTEP OFTHEWAY 763 O McKiernan 8-10-12....RESERVE —
19 6515/04 JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN 20 G Keane 9-11-10....RESERVE 91

BETTING: 4 Moonshine Girl, 9-2 Pilgrims Walk, 11-2 Cornaroya Rocco
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 2 2 2-4 4
2025: Mephisto 8-11-12 Shane Fitzgerald 15-2 (G Keane), 16 ran.

AYR COLOURS & FORM

1.45 LADBROKES 'BET 5 GET 30 OFFER' EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (4); 2-y-o; £5,757; 6f. (9 runners)

1 (2) 6 ASHINA 65 D O'Meara 9-2....Daniel Tudhope 84
2 (9) 5 DADAWADA 41 C Kellett 9-2....Tom Eaves 80
3 (6) 65 DESERT SMOKE 16 (BF) H Palmer 9-2....Paul Mulrennan ●99
4 (5) 35 FLY SMARTLY 22 R Aguiar 9-2....Donagh O'Connor 97
5 (4) 7 LADY TITANIA 31 (T★) K R Burke 9-2....Sam James 82
6 (3) LA FLOR GRANADA R & P Fahey 9-2....Oisin Orr —
7 (7) MYESME E Bethell 9-2....Jason Hart —
8 (1) 3 NEXT OF KIN 24 W Haggas 9-2....Cieren Fallon 98
9 (8) 6 OH SO SLOW SLOTH 85 (H★) R Menzies 9-2....Kaiya Fraser 78

BETTING: 11-4 Next Of Kin, 7-2 Desert Smoke, 4 Fly Smartly, 11-2 La Flor Granada, 13-2 Myesme, 14 Ashina, Lady Titania, 25 Dadawada, Oh So Slow Sloth
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.15 'LADBROKES RACING BET BUILDER' CLASSIFIED STAKES (6); winner £3,664; 1m. (12 runners)

1 (1) 6-6093 BRIDGEFOOT RAMBLER 25 (B) S Hanlon 4-9-9....Conor Whiteley (5) 98
2 (3) 2640870 CONCERT BOY 20 (B;D) K Scott 6-9-9....Sam James 84
3 (12) 7504895 DUE RESPECT 6 (V) G Rutherford 4-9-9....Jake Dickson (5) 92
4 (9) 55/987- GAME MANAGEMENT J314 (D) L Quinlan 5-9-9....David Nolan 83
5 (10) 6455545 HOSTELRY 9 (V★;CD) R Carr 9-9-9....Joanna Mason ●99
6 (4) 8630372 MILLBUIE 10 (B) E Whillans 5-9-9....William Pyle 96
7 (11) 2540777 RING OF GOLD 9 (V) M & D Easterby 9-9-9....Billy Garritty 85
8 (7) 348-7 SPIRIT OF NATURE 14 J Goldie 4-9-9....Paul Mulrennan 82
9 (8) 45-7695 CHARCON 16 B Haslam 3-9-2....Aiden Brookes 86
10 (2) 750 HAWKSWORTH 45 J & S Quinn 3-9-2....Jason Hart 88
11 (5) 660-43 ROYAL BARONESS 66 R Smith 3-9-2....Shay Farmer (5) 93
12 (6) 8488677 SANNY DOO 36 J Goldie 3-9-2....Andrew Mullen 80

BETTING: 4 Bridgefoot Rambler, 9-2 Hostelry, 5 Millbuie, 7 Royal Baroness, 8 Spirit Of Nature, Due Respect, Charcon, 10 Game Management
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3 7 4
2025: Hashtagnotions 3-9-2 Oisin Orr 12-1 (R & P Fahey) drawn 6, 7 ran.

2.45 LADBROKES 'BIG DAILY BOOSTS ON RACING' HANDICAP (6); winner £3,664; 7f. (13 runners)

1 (5) 1782-52 CATTON LADY 38 M & D Easterby 5-10-2....Joanna Mason 97
2 (12) 6080747 GRESSINGTON 19 (B;D) K Scott 5-10-0....Sam James 90
3 (9) 1700598 PAL JOEY 16 B Haslam 4-10-0....Aiden Brookes 84
4 (2) -658606 KELPIE GREY 14 (BF,CD) J Goldie 6-9-13....Paul Mulrennan 91
5 (11) 5852344 NOVAK 14 (CD) I Jardine 7-9-12....Andrew Mullen 93
6 (8) 38-9778 STONEYWELL 52 (H) Steph Hollinshead 4-9-11....Tom Eaves 88
7 (13) 56-6889 TROPEZ POWER 14 (V;D) M Walford 7-9-10....David Allan 86
8 (1) 9759533 YAASER 9 (CD) J Goldie 8-9-9....Lauren Young (5) 96
9 (10) 13-7082 KEEP ME STABLE 3 (C,D) L Perratt 6-9-9....Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 93
10 (7) 7-76723 CARMEL VALLEY 14 K Scott 3-9-8....Jason Hart ●99
11 (6) 8-74136 BLACK ROCK BEAUTY 31 (D) R & P Fahey 3-9-8....Oisin Orr 92
12 (4) 125-317 ALBEYOURS 18 (D) Steph Hollinshead 5-9-4....Daniel Tudhope 94
13 (3) 3/08-09 JOSHUAS DREAM 14 (P★) J Goldie 4-9-1....Billy Garritty 82

BETTING: 4 Carmel Valley, 9-2 Yaaser, 5 Keep Me Stable, 7 Catton Lady, 15-2 Novak, Kelpie Grey, 12 Albeyours, Pal Joey
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 3 1 2 1
2025: Highfield Viking 5-10-0 Jason Hart 9-4 Fav (J & S Quinn) drawn 5, 10 ran.

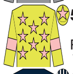
3.15 'GET MORE WITH LADBUCKS' HANDICAP (4) winner £5,234; 1m 2f (14 runners)

1 2-0525 **NORTHWEST PASSAGE 36 (D)**
(1) I Furtado 4-10-4 ....Jason Hart 95
Runs: 17 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 5 £27,837
Poor last time but excuses, yard in form, mixed bag but player with best

2 19-571 **SPIRIT OF ACKLAM 30 (CD)**
(9) M & D Easterby 5-10-2 ....Joanna Mason 97
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (S,GS,2G) Places: 2 £23,120
Did enough in small field last time, this harder, big weight, more needed

3 113211 **STAR CAST 52 (CD)**
(6) G Tutty 4-10-2 ....Jake Dickson (5) 98
Runs: 24 Wins: 6 (2S,3A,G) Places: 5 £41,149
Won on soft here in June, up 5lb on different ground, big chance again

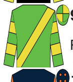
4 63-688 **REGALIAN 16 (B)**
(7) T Coyle & K Wood 4-10-1 .. David Nolan 86
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 4 £31,010
Handicapper helping but not been at best for while now, others better


5 6-8255 **OBITO 32 (H;CD)**
(4) D O'Meara 4-10-1 ....Daniel Tudhope 96
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 5 £28,700
Yard won this last year, capable on going day, should get amongst it

6 /25242 **MANO CHICAGO 49 (B;BF)**
(11) I Jardine 4-10-0 ....Andrew Mullen 94
Runs: 9 Places: 4 £45,920
First run for yard, bought from Ireland, market best guide, interesting

7 U/0223 **BREAK THE BANK 16 (B)**
(5) T Easterby 5-9-12 .... non-runner 94
Runs: 14 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £22,813
Yard are 3-72 with recent runners, solid enough of late, doesn't go

8 413614 **PEARL EYE 14 (BF,CD)**
(14) J Goldie 6-9-12 ....Paul Mulrennan ●99
Runs: 46 Wins: 9 (2F,3S,A,GS,2G) Places: 6 £99,301
Poor when 2-1 here last time, previous run gives big shout, fancied


9 4137-6 **SIMPLY RUBY 28 (P★)**
(2) D Sayer 4-9-8 .... William Pyle 84
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (S) £7,846
Shocker on comeback, cheekpieces on, plenty to prove now, risky

10 1-8706 **CISCO DISCO 21 (CD)**
(13) R Smith 8-9-7 ....Sean Kirrane 83
Runs: 53 Wins: 8 (4S,GS,G) Places: 8 £54,484
Course regular, not fired at all this season, needs sudden turnaround

11 9-515 **LORCA'S WALTZ 17**
(8) W Haggas 3-9-6 .... Cieren Fallon 98
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) £5,586
5-1 for hcap bow at Sandown, needs more but novice form solid, player

12 204-86 **MOLINARI 16 (D)**
(3) M Todhunter 9-9-2 .... Billy Garritty 85
Runs: 58 Wins: 7 (2F,2A,3G) Places: 19 £73,198
Stuffed all recent starts, mark slipped but for reason, others better

13 416-57 **BOY NAMED SIOUX 24 (H)**
(12) R & P Fahey 3-8-12 ....Shane Gray 86
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (A) £6,283
Creeping back to last winning mark, this looks tall order in current form

14 3-2531 **ZIATA 14 (D)**
(10) G Tutty 3-8-11 ....Kaiya Fraser 94
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £10,480
Off mark on debut for yard, that was quiet race, learn more today

BETTING: 15-8 Star Cast, 7-2 Pearl Eye, 4 Spirit Of Acklam, 11-2 Mano Chicago, 15-2 Lorca's Waltz, 10 Ziata
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 2-4 2
2025: Ryka 3-9-9, D Tudhope 3-1 (D O'Meara), drawn 10, 8 ran.

LONG SHOT **BALDOMERO (7.15 Windsor) has dropped to a very handy mark and caught the eye in a strong race at York last time. He's running back into form and looks a big price.**

3.45 LADBROKES 'INSURE YOUR ACCA ON FOOTBALL' HANDICAP (6); winner £4,187; 6f. (16 runners)

1 (9) 5789462 VELVET SKIES 11 (D) W Harrison 5-9-12....Barry McHugh ●99
2 (13) 6553650 WATER OF LEITH 2 (CD) J Goldie 8-9-12....Lauren Young (5) 95
3 (6) 6130353 HENERY HAWK 14 L Perratt 7-9-9....David Allan 98
4 (4) 50-0075 EDMOND HALLEY 26 E Bethell 4-9-9....Cian Horgan (5) 92
5 (16) 20-4945 HEAD FOR FREEDOM 57 M & D Easterby 3-9-8....Joanna Mason 95
6 (1) -597784 LORD ABAMA 9 (B;D) M Dods 7-9-7....Sean Kirrane 91
7 (14) 47-0899 MACEDONIAN 27 (V★;D) M Dods 4-9-7....Mark Winn 86
8 (2) 3650848 WHITE UMBRELLA 11 (B;D) C Kellett 7-9-4....Tom Eaves 88
9 (7) 1834718 DOON THE GLEN 14 (V;D) J Goldie 6-9-3....Paul Mulrennan 95
10 (5) 6146250 PIVOTAL TERMS 10 (H★;D) I Jardine 3-9-2....Andrew Mullen 90
11 (15) 0-02159 MONASTERE 24 (D) K Thornton (Ire) 4-9-0....Jason Hart 87
12 (3) 5375314 SIXCOR 10 (CD) L Perratt 8-9-0....Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 94
13 (12) 4562387 SKI ANGEL 14 (C) R Smith 6-8-12....Amie Waugh (3) 86
14 (8) 4088-38 RED WALLS 34 (D) L Williamson 8-8-12....Jack Nicholls (3) 85
15 (11) 9659263 BABY ROVER 25 (D) K Scott 4-8-12....Greg Fairley 94
16 (10) 61-2343 LANARRA 14 (D) R Smith 3-8-11....non-runner 92

BETTING: 11-2 Henery Hawk, 13-2 Velvet Skies, Lanarra, 7 Water Of Leith, Doon The Glen, 15-2 Sixcor, 10 Baby Rover, 12 Edmond Halley, Monastere, Head For Freedom
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2
2025: Sibyl Charm 5-9-12 Andrew Mullen 15-2 (I Jardine) drawn 7, 9 ran.

4.15 LADBROKES 'FREE REWARDS WITH INSTANT SPINS' HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6); win £3,664; 1m2f. (12 run)

1 (4) 0215-28 LESRICO 58 (H;D) L Williamson 6-10-2....Mark Winn 98
2 (7) 524-178 KING CHAOS 11 R Menzies 5-10-1....Kaiya Fraser 91
3 (10) 9622244 NATURALIA 16 (C) D Whillans 5-9-13....Paul Mulrennan 98
4 (9) 4973-98 PRECIOUS SPARTAN 35 (P★) P Neville 4-9-13....Andrew Mullen 87
5 (12) 76-6540 IDYLLIC 16 (D) W Storey 5-9-10....Paula Muir (3) 90
6 (3) -798543 PENELOPE'S SISTER 14 (C) J Goldie 6-9-10....Lauren Young (5) 95
7 (5) 264-854 RAVENSCRAIG CASTLE 14 (B;C) I Jardine 8-9-8....Cara Tuke (7) 94
8 (2) 7-35251 RECOBELLA 36 (CD) P Kirby 5-9-7....Jack Nicholls (3) ●99
9 (11) 70-9959 LIGHTNING GALAXY 35 M Dods 4-9-6....Sean Kirrane 86
10 (1) /00607- SHE'S GOT BOTTLE 297 (D) L Quinlan 7-9-6....Barry McHugh 82
11 (6) 4-69536 POSITIVE THOUGHTS 20 (B★) J & S Quinn 3-9-2....Jason Hart 91
12 (8) 654-990 PAROLE OFFICER 35 E Whillans 3-8-12....Greg Fairley 82

BETTING: 10-3 Recobella, 4 Penelope's Sister, 11-2 Lesrico, 13-2 Naturalia, 7 Ravenscraig Castle, 10 Positive Thoughts, 12 Precious Spartan, 14 King Chaos, Idyllic
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9 5 5 7 2
2025: Cisco Disco 7-9-7 David Allan 15-2 (R M Smith) drawn 7, 9 ran.

4.45 LADBROKES 'FREE REWARDS WITH INSTANT SPINS' HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6); win £3,664; 1m 2f. (12 run)

1 (10) 602-803 WEST TYRONE 62 L Quinlan 4-10-2....Shane Gray 95
2 (3) 4483911 ROYAL BLAZE 14 (CD) E Whillans 5-10-1....David Nolan ●99
3 (11) 0122857 SPIRIT CATCHER 30 P Kirby 7-9-13....Cieren Fallon 91
4 (2) 7-94562 SWEET KISS 16 (D) T Easterby 4-9-11....Jake Dickson (5) 94
5 (7) 5-80763 TEE AITCH AYE 35 (P★) I Jardine 5-9-10....Andrew Mullen 95
6 (1) -776565 MOTAWAARED 21 J Goldie 4-9-9....Paul Mulrennan 96
7 (8) 3567514 GLASSES UP 21 (BF,CD) R Smith 11-9-8....David Allan 98
8 (9) 4634 CEINTURE D'ORION 39 D O'Meara 3-9-7....Daniel Tudhope 90
9 (5) 044-908 COSMIC MAN 62 K Ryan 3-9-6....Tom Eaves 84
10 (12) 67038-4 FARABOVE THE LIMIT 187 P Makin 3-9-3....Sam James 90
11 (4) 09-0595 RUGBY UNION 14 G Tutty 3-8-13....Kaiya Fraser 88
12 (6) 2707407 ONYEISI 24 (B;D) K Thornton (Ire) 3-8-12....Jason Hart 87

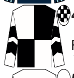
BETTING: 10-3 Royal Blaze, 11-2 West Tyrone, 7 Tee Aitch Aye, 15-2 Sweet Kiss, Glasses Up, 8 Spirit Catcher, Ceinture D'orion, 12 Motawaared
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: See Division 1.

5.15 'LADBROKES PLAY 1-2-FREE' HANDICAP (5) 3-Y-O; win £4,187; 1m (10 runners)

1 4-8104 **NAPOLIAN 13 (D)**
(5) D O'Meara 9-9 ....Daniel Tudhope 91
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £10,396
Hasn't figured since win in two-runner race, still something to prove

2 524- **ADIADA 293 (H)**
(2) M Dods 9-9 ....Sean Kirrane 92
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £2,600
Handicap debut, mixed bag so far, market likely best clue, interesting

3 44-523 **KEEP AN EYE ON IT 120**
(1) T Coyle & K Wood 9-7 .... David Nolan 97
Runs: 5 Places: 2 £5,049
Placed in two handicaps so far, no reason not to get in shake up again


4 431-63 **BECKON 117 (D)**
(3) S Corbett 9-6 ....Tom Eaves 88
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £6,945
Yard and turf debut, last run April, best watched for now, market check

5 -05681 **WISE CRACK 19 (V)**
(4) R Carr 9-6 ....Shane Gray 98
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £5,306
18-1 winner at Catterick but did it well, has to back it up, big threat if so

6 -74612 **PARODA DIVA 68 (D)**
(8) P Neville 9-5 .... Andrew Mullen ●99
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 2 £14,262
Same mark as solid second latest, best recent form on offer, go well

7 335046 **VEGA STORM 19**
(7) R & P Fahey 9-3 ....Harry Russell 89
Runs: 6 Places: 1 £2,894
Yard still very quiet, has to step up on recent form, e-way sniff at best

8 3-4455 **LIGHT THE NIGHT UP 28**
(10) K R Burke 9-3 ....Sam James 91
Runs: 8 £9,807
Top yard but struggling for while now, needs more help at weights

9 372116 **HATAMOTO 14 (D)**
(6) T Easterby 9-0 ....David Allan 98
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 3 £13,288
Traffic trouble at Southwell, previous form gives shout, this harder

10 87-9 **OUR RANDOLPH 56**
(9) M Dods 8-12 ....Mark Winn 85
Runs: 3 £0
Very quiet at big odds in novices, handicap bow now, hard to trust

BETTING: 7-2 Paroda Diva, 9-2 Keep An Eye On It, 5 Wise Crack, 13-2 Beckon, 15-2 Adiada, 8 Hatamoto, Vega Storm
WHERE FAVES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

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NAPOLIAN (9-9) 14-1 in touch, faded inside final furlong, 4th of 7 (btn 5¼l) to Norcross Brow (9-6) (Beverley 7f hcap (5) £4,527 good to firm).
LIGHT THE NIGHT UP (9-2) 10-1 tracked leader, led 2f out, no extra, 3rd of 5 (btn 8l) to Winged One (9-2) **ADIADA** (9-2) 28-1 handy, weakened 1f out, 4th (btn 9½l) (5 ran) (Newcastle 1m fll nov (5) £3,402 AW).
KEEP AN EYE ON IT (9-2) 6-1 midfield, headway 1f out, 3rd of 10 (btn 3l) to Suddenly I See (9-8) (Musselburgh 1m hcap (5) £10,308 good).
BECKON (8-10) 8-1 last, outpaced 1f out, not pace to challenge, 3rd of 7 (btn 3¼l) to Cool Molly (9-4) (Southwell 7f hcap (5) £3,978 AW).
WISE CRACK (9-5) 18-1 in touch, headway final 110yds, led finish, bt Vince Le Prince (9-13) nk **VEGA STORM** (9-3) 5-1 midfield, headway, 6th (btn 6¾l) (8 ran) (Catterick 7f hcap (6) £4,187 good to firm).
PARODA DIVA (9-9) 4-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, kept on well, btn 1½l by Ziggy's Avenger (9-9) (8 ran) (Ripon 1m hcap (6) £3,664 good).
HATAMOTO (9-4) 9-1 tracked leaders, driven 3f out, hampered 1f out, faded, 6th of 13 (btn 6l) to Filly Eilish (9-8) (Southwell 1m hcap (6) £3,245 AW).
OUR RANDOLPH (8-13) 80-1 edged, in touch, ridden along over 3f out, never involved, 9th of 11 (well btn) to Machadadorp (9-6) (Wetherby 7f nov mdn (4) £5,400 good to firm).

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TEMPLEGATE

1.45............Next Of Kin
2.15............Royal Baroness
2.45............Catton Lady
3.15............Star Cast (nb)
3.45............Doon The Glen
4.15............Lesrico
4.45............Tee Aitch Aye
5.15............Paroda Diva

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: My Old Mate Ayr) with Sudden Flight (Windsor).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Naturalia (A
SUNRATINGS' NAP: HARRY KNOWS (
THE JUDGE: BALDOMERO (7.15 Winds

TIC-TAC: L-H oval course of 1m 4f, races of **DRAW:** A middle to high draw is an advanta course. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 384 ha corresponding meetings, 5 out of 44 (11.4%)

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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 da Ewan Whillans 3 from 10; E Bethell 7 from 2 28; R Carr 5 from 29; K R Burke 8 from 47; D **JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 da** Whiteley 4 from 16; Oisin Orr 6 from 25; D Tu A Mullen 4 from 22; S James 3 from 18; J Ha **TRAINERS who have had the most runn** Lizzie Quinlan 33; P Kirby 29; D Whillans 28; **JOCKEYS who have had the most rides s** 38; Amie Waugh 33; T Eaves 30; Joanna Ma

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 J Goldie 101-745, I Jardine 47-463, R M Smith 40-554, M Dods 34-278, D O'Meara 28-231, T Easterby 25-274, K R Burke 23-138, R & P Fahey 19-228, K Scott 17-154, Miss L Perratt 16-272. **THIS SEASON:** J Goldie 11, M Dods 7, Ewan Whillans 5, I Jardine 4.

TRAINER

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 1.45 Dad **Chicago** J P Murtagh (Ire) to I Jardine; **5.15**
RACEFAX: J Goldie won the 4.15 in 2022 & M Smith won the 4.45 in 2021, 2024 & 2025.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Next Of Kin (1 Haggas, Newmarket, round trip of 720 mil trained by Steph Hollinshead, Rugeley, rou H Palmer, Malpas, round trip 438 miles.

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SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None.
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: 4.15 Positive Tho
VISORED FIRST TIME: 2.15 Hostelry; 3.45 M
FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None today.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 2.45 **Keep Me Stabl** (won off 75 down 12lb to 63); **Yaaser** (wo (won off 82 down 19lb to 63); 3.15 **Pearl Ey** **Of Leith** (won off 70 down 10lb to 60); **Lord** **Precious Spartan** (won off 65 down 3lb to **Penelope's Sister** (won off 66 down 7lb to 6lb to 59); **Glasses Up** (won off 67 down 10 **JOB JOCKEY:** C Fallon rides **Next Of Kin** 208 from 904, 23%. D Nolan rides **Royal Bla**

MY OLD MATE can be the punters' best pal (8.15 Windsor, nap).

He got off the mark in good style over this course and distance last time, benefiting from a positive ride.

Gary Moore's three-year-old is still lightly-raced and open to further progress, while the booking of jockeys' championship leader Billy Loughnane bodes well.

STAR CAST (3.15 Ayr, nb) has been in the form of his life recently and won with plenty up his sleeve at this track last time. Slightly quicker condi-

★ TEMPLEGATE NAP
MY OLD MATE
8.15 Windsor
Won well here last time and will be hard to stop if on same form again

★ TEMPLE
STAR
3.15 Ayr
Hasn't been hit too hard by the handicapper for h win here last tim

JOCKEYFORM

TOTAL WINS		WINS TO RIDES LAST WEEK	RIDES SINCE WIN	£1 LEVEL STAKE
159	Billy Loughnane	13-40	1	-164
120	Oisin Murphy	9-42	15	-154
105	Rossa Ryan	1-12	5	-56
83	Jason Hart	4-29	3	-124
80	Luke Morris	2-27	0	-249
79	Hector Crouch	5-13	0	-67
78	Cieren Fallon	6-31	7	-83

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TOM PEPPER

1.45.....Desert Smoke
2.15.....Hostelry
2.45.....Carmel Valley
3.15.....Mano Chicago
3.45.....Henery Hawk
4.15.....NATURALIA (nap)
4.45.....Royal Blaze
5.15.....Adiada

(Windsor) and Star Cast (double,

Ayr) and Another Abbot (Windsor).
6.15 Windsor).
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1m 3f start on a chute, straight 6f track.
age in sprint races, low favoured on round
ave won out of 1,118 races (34.3%). At the
. **JACKPOT:** 1-6. **LIVE ON RACING TV**

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ys: Miss L Perratt 7 wins from 14 runners;
9; W Haggas 10 from 49; I Jardine 5 from
O'Meara 5 from 50; H Palmer 3 from 39.
ys: C Fallon 11 wins from 43 rides; Conor
udhope 6 from 26; P Mulrennan 5 from 25;
rt 7 from 46; B Garritty 3 from 22.
ers since last win: Gary Rutherford 44;
W Storey 27; Steph Hollinshead 26.
since last win: D Nolan 47; Lauren Young
son 27; A Brookes 27; Paula Muir 22.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 P Mulrennan 77-449, J Hart 37-276, A Mullen 30-307, D Tudhope 29-187, D Allan 22-188, B Garritty 17-124, D Nolan 15-108, Oisin Orr 15-174, Joanna Mason 12-90, S B Kirrane 10-62. **THIS SEASON:** P Mulrennan 7, J Hart 4, A Mullen 4, D Nolan 3.

R TRACE

dawada G Tutty to C Kellett; **3.15 Mano Beckon** Harry Charlton to S Corbett.
2023, and won the 4.45 in 2022 & 2023. R

.45) & **Lorca's Waltz** (3.15) trained by W
es; **Albeyours** (2.45) & **Stoneywell** (2.45)
nd trip of 564 miles; **Desert Smoke** (1.45),

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oughts.
Macedonian.

e (won off 61 down 3lb to 58); **Pal Joey** n off 76 down 18lb to 58); **Gressington e** (won off 84 down 8lb to 76); 3.45 **Water l Abama** (won off 70 down 15lb to 55); 4.15 62); **Idyllic** (won off 63 down 4lb to 59); 59); 4.45 **Tee Aitch Aye** (won off 65 down lb to 57)
(1.45), **Lorca's Waltz** (3.15) for W Haggas, ze (4.45) for E Whillans, 4 from 19, 21%.

LEGATE

TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

Trust in your Mate tonight

tions hold no fears and his new mark still looks workable.

SUDDEN FLIGHT (7.15 Windsor, treble) has been a model of consistency this season.

He was only just touched off by likely favourite Another Abbot here last time and now gets a pull at the weights.

A bigger field here will help his running on style for trainer Richard Hughes.

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e

★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
SUDDEN FLIGHT
7.15 Windsor
Always runs his race and will pop up before long. Caught eye latest

TRAINERFORM

TOTAL WINS		WINS TO RUNNERS LAST WEEK	STRIKE RATE %	£1 LEVEL STAKE
127	A Balding	6-30	20	-6
105	A Carroll	5-39	14	-194
104	James Owen	5-31	17	-74
85	K R Burke	2-18	18	-44
85	R Hannon	4-34	14	-27
74	W Haggas	3-29	18	-22
71	T Easterby	3-41	9	-43

WINDSOR

GOOD TO FIRM

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
5.45.... Mythological Star	5.45.....Just An Hour
6.15..... This Moment	6.15..... This Moment
6.45.....Wateera	6.45.....Wateera
7.15..... Sudden Flight	7.15...Another Abbot (nb)
7.45 Princess Honey Bee	7.45 Princess Honey Bee
8.15.. MY OLD MATE (nap)	8.15.....My Old Mate

■TIC-TAC: Figure-of-eight course of 1m 4f, straight final 5f, 6f races start on an extension to the straight. ■DRAW: High numbers hold a slight advantage in sprints. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 31-222, W Haggas 30-130, A Balding 23-149, C Cox 22-126. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 10, C Cox 5, G Boughey 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): O Murphy 59-238, T Marquand 48-316, R Hornby 24-247, K Shoemark 21-143. THIS SEASON: O Murphy 12, M Ghiani 8, R Hornby 5. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Wateera (6.45) trained at Leyburn. Round trip of 486 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

5.45 FIND US AT FITZDARES.COM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Class 5); winner £4,397; 1m 2f. (6 runners)

1 (6) **76**-1334 **SHADY BAY 28 (D)** T Ward 5-9-13.....**Ashley Lewis 91**
2 (1) -426343 **JUST AN HOUR 18 (BF,CD)** B Millman 6-9-12.....**Charlie Tucker (7) 96**
3 (4) **3-35**544 **GOLDEN CIRCET 11 (D)** J & S Best 6-9-10.....**Liam Wright 90**
4 (2) **82**-7358 **POST RIDER 27** O Cole 5-9-9.....**Mason Paetel 86**
5 (3) 8331 **MYTHOLOGICAL STAR 6** D&C Kubler 3-9-8(6ex).**Christian Howarth ●99**
6 (5) 8-36134 **HELLO COTAI 25 (CD)** J Boyle 5-9-4.....**Connor Planas 92**

BETTING: 11-8 Mythological Star, 7-2 Just An Hour, 5 Shady Bay, 6 Golden Circet, 8 Hello Cotai, 16 Post Rider
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

6.15 FITZDARES NURSERY (4) 2-Y-O; value to the winner £5,653; 6f (5 runners)

1 24221 **HARRY KNOWS 14 (CD)**
(3) R Hughes 9-10 . . . . . **Oisin Murphy ●99**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £19,787
Delivered as expected here last time, more on plate now, big player

2 8341 **KEEP KICKING ON 21 (CD)**
(4) C Cox 9-7. . . . . **Hector Crouch 97**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) £7,555
Won on handicap debut here, nudged up 5lb, capable of more again

3 242 **THIS MOMENT 42**
(5) G Boughey 9-3. . . . . **Billy Loughnane 95**
Runs: 3 Places: 2 £10,401
Kept to quiet races in novices, handicap bow now, market will guide

4 664110 **EVERATEASE 11 (D)**
(1) E J-Houghton 9-3 . **Callum Hutchinson 92**
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2G) £26,857
Well held in good race at Goodwood, this more like it, needs more

5 65106 **EL LAMBO 21 (D)**
(2) C Hills 8-12. . . . . **Rob Hornby 87**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) £5,400
Struggled out of novice company so far, others look stronger for now

BETTING: Evens Harry Knows, 3 Keep Kicking On, 7-2 This Moment, 10 Everatease, 25 El Lambo
WHERE FAVES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

6.45 FITZDARES PERSONAL SERVICE RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (5); 2-y-o; winner £4,320; 6f. (6 runners)

1 (3) 1 **REAL BULLET 28 (CD)** G Boughey 9-8.....**Billy Loughnane 97**
2 (2) 13 **WATEERA 48 (BF,D)** K R Burke 9-6.....**Clifford Lee ●99**
3 (5) **AKSEL** M Attwater 9-4.....**Seamus Cronin (5) —**
4 (1) 9 **GOLDTRADER 79** E Walker 9-4.....**Kieran Shoemark 74**
5 (6) **MAJOR LOOKTWICE** G & J Moore 9-4.....**Hector Crouch —**
6 (4) 85 **PARKERS LIGHT 23** T Dascombe 9-4.....**William Cox 70**

BETTING: 4-6 Wateera, 15-8 Real Bullet, 16 Major Looktwice, 20 Parkers Light, 25 Goldtrader, 33 Aksel
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

7.15 FITZDARES SPRINT FINAL HANDICAP (2) winner £41,232; 6f (16 runners)

1 617111 **BADRI 24 (CD)**
(16) M Herrington 9-9-12 . . . . . **Oisin Murphy 97**
Runs: 75 Wins: 15 (4F,7A,GS,3G) Places: 14 £305,557
Climbing weights but flying form, third in this last year, high on list

2 251078 **KING OF LIGHT 9 (CD)**
(9) S Williams 4-9-10 . . . . . **Marco Ghiani 95**
Runs: 23 Wins: 4 (S,F,GS,G) Places: 4 £99,269
Traffic issues in Stewards' Cup, talented on day, won well here in May

3 0-0400 **TREFOR 30 (CD)**
(2) C Hills 5-9-4. . . . . **Kieran Shoemark 93**
Runs: 22 Wins: 6 (4F,2G) Places: 2 £147,931
Beaten neck in this last year, 3lb lower today, quiet but can't rule out

4 -89213 **INDIAN RUN 16 (D)**
(1) J Camacho 5-9-3. . . . . **Ryan Sexton 92**
Runs: 19 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 4 £156,948
Found feet again after sticky patch, could still be on handy mark

5 -71771 **ANOTHER ABBOT 14 (CD)**
(12) W Haggas 4-9-3. . . . . **Tom Marquand ●99**
Runs: 17 Wins: 4 (3F,G) Places: 3 £40,807
Form figures tell tale, won well here last time but not sure what you get

6 057140 **DESERT COP 13 (CD)**
(5) G Baker 6-9-2. . . . . **Benoit Sayette 89**
Runs: 43 Wins: 5 (F,2A,2G) Places: 8 £308,446
Good win here in June but hasn't backed it up, excuse latest, e-way

7 0-3222 **SUDDEN FLIGHT 14 (D)**
(15) R Hughes 4-9-1. . . . . **Finley Marsh 93**
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 5 £48,141
Caught eye latest running on behind Abbot, making it a habit though

8 3-6854 **ROSARIO 31**
(8) R Teal 5-9-0. . . . . **Hector Crouch 90**
Runs: 25 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 6 £92,076
Come down to nice mark, recent run strong, six furlong slight question

9 -29950 **CINDY LOU WHO 13 (CD)**
(14) A Carroll 4-9-0 . . . . . **William Carson 87**
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (2S,2F) Places: 5 £56,310
Lacks class of some of these, won here before but on soft, not today

10 7-2520 **UNCLE DON 56 (BF)**
(10) R Cowell 4-9-0 . . . . . **Clifford Lee 91**
Runs: 17 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 5 £44,530
Poor here last time when backed, previous gives shout, interesting

11 -44810 **DILIGENTLY 31 (CD)**
(6) C Cox 4-8-13 . . . . . **Billy Loughnane 93**
Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (3F) Places: 3 £343,380
Best run was here in June, drawn nicely, has to leave latest behind

12 513154 **JUSTCALLMEPETE 12 (B;CD)**
(13) A Carroll 7-8-11 . . . . . **Dougie Costello 94**
Runs: 64 Wins: 12 (S,F,9A,G) Places: 13 £149,132
Just 1lb higher than win here in May, drawn well, live each-way player

13 -14715 **DREAM COMPOSER 40 (C,D)**
(7) A Carroll 8-8-11 . . . . . **Myla Coppins (5) 90**
Runs: 68 Wins: 12 (3F,A,5GS,3G) Places: 15 £278,810
Bags of speed, didn't fire at Epsom latest, needs best to figure here

14 507179 **PUREST TIME 31 (CD)**
(4) I Williams 6-8-11 . . . . . **Edward Greatrex 88**
Runs: 39 Wins: 4 (F,GS,G) Places: 13 £160,785
12-1 winner here in May, quiet before and after that, hard to trust

15 180566 **STAR CHORUS 14 (H;D)**
(3) M Murphy 4-8-10 . . . . . **Rob Hornby 84**
Runs: 28 Wins: 5 (F,4A) Places: 5 £51,867
Held fair and square here last time, handicapper not really helping

16 063736 **BALDOMERO 16 (V;D)**
(11) M Appleby 8-8-10. . . . . **Harry Davies 90**
Runs: 72 Wins: 8 (2S,5A,G) Places: 21 £264,627
Better than bare result last time, handy mark, could be sneaky one

BETTING: 9-2 Badri, 5 Another Abbot, 6 Sudden Flight, 8 Indian Run, 10 Rosario, 12 Diligently, King Of Light, 14 Uncle Don
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-8 6 0 1 3
2025: Chief Mankato 4-9-0, E Greatrex 9-1 (J Channon), drw 4, 12 ran.

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BADRI (9-11) 15-8 fav rear, headway 1f out and ridden, led finish, bt Baker Blue (9-10) ¾l (7 ran) (Pontefract 5f hcap (3) £8,762 good to firm).
KING OF LIGHT (9-1) 33-1 mid-division, shaken up 2f out, no extra, 8th of 27 (2½l) to Evening Saigon (9-0) (Goodwood 6f hcap (2) £128,850 good).
TREFOR (9-3) 11-1 always behind, 14th of 15 (btn 6l) to Dubai Bling (9-10)
KING OF LIGHT (9-3) 9-1 slow away, always behind, last (btn 15l) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £51,540 good to firm).
INDIAN RUN (9-2) 13-2 tracked leader, pushed along 2f out, ran on but not quite pace to challenge, 3rd of 13 (btn 1¼l) to All Ways Glamorous (9-4) **KING OF LIGHT** (9-11) 12-1 mid-division, headway 2f out, faded final 110yds, 7th (btn 2½l) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
ANOTHER ABBOT (9-10) 4-1 chased leaders, pushed along and switched left 2f out, ridden and led 1f out, kept on final furlong, cosily, bt **SUDDEN FLIGHT** (9-11) 4-1 chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, ridden 2f out, switched right 1f out, ran on, ¾l **STAR CHORUS** (9-8) 25-1 rear, pushed along 2f out, ridden 1f out, kept on, 6th (btn 2½l) (Windsor 6f hcap (3) £10,800 good to firm).
DESERT COP (8-12) 50-1 prominent, outpaced 2f out, 20th of 23 (btn 6½l) to Twilight Calls (8-12) (Goodwood 5f hcap (2) £38,655 good).
ROSARIO (9-10) 7-1 held up in rear, pushed along 1f out, headway final furlong, not reach leaders, 4th of 12 (btn 1¾l) to Twilight Calls (9-9) **STAR CHORUS** (9-7) 18-1 held up in rear, ridden 2f out, never going pace to threaten, 6th (btn 4l) (Newmarket 5f hcap (3) £15,462 good to firm).
CINDY LOU WHO (9-7) 25-1 close up, driven 2f out, faded, 12th of 20 (btn 5½l) to Sing The Blues (8-11) (Goodwood 6f hcap (3) £25,770 good).
DILIGENTLY (9-3) 17-2 midfield, headway from 2f out, ridden final furlong, ran on well and led finish, bt **INDIAN RUN** (9-4) 8-1 prominent, led 1f out, ridden inside final 110yds, all out when headed finish, nk **UNCLE DON** (9-4) 7-2 jt fav led early, outpaced 1f out, weakened final 110yds, 10th (5½l) (12 ran) (Windsor 6f hcap (3) £10,800 good to firm).
ANOTHER ABBOT (9-9) 12-1 held up, outpaced 1f out, kept on, 7th of 11 (btn 4½l) to Amazing Journey (9-2) **PUREST TIME** (9-6) 22-1 midfield, headway halfway, ridden 1f out, weakened, 9th (btn 6l) **DILIGENTLY** (9-7) 11-2 slowly away, always towards rear, 10th (btn 7½l) (11 ran) (Ascot 6f hcap (3) £16,200 good to firm).
JUSTCALLMEPETE (9-7) 11-4 chased leaders, no impression, 4th of 6 (btn 8l) to Wheels Of Fire (9-12) (Sandown 5f hcap (4) £6,019 good).
DESERT COP (10-8) 5-1 midfield, headway 1f out, weakened final furlong, 4th of 7 (btn 5½l) to Sir Garfield (9-8) **DREAM COMPOSER** (10-4) 15-2 midfield, outpaced final furlong, weakened, 5th (btn 6l) (7 ran) (Epsom 6f hcap (4) £6,281 good).
BALDOMERO (8-3) 50-1 mid-division, headway 2f out, not trouble leaders, 6th of 21 (btn 3l) to Stratusnine (9-7) (York 6f (2) £51,540 good to firm).

7.45 FITZDARES RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (5); value to the winner £4,320; 1m. (8 runners)

1 (2) **GIFT BOX** L Mongan 3-9-2.....**William Carson —**
2 (7) 0553 **STERLING FORTUNE 26** J Tate 3-9-2.....**Hector Crouch 97**
3 (8) 55 **DAYNA 9** E De Giles 3-9-0.....**Clifford Lee 75**
4 (6) 334-22 **PRINCESS HONEY BEE 14** C Lidster 3-9-0.....**Billy Loughnane ●99**
5 (4) **MOONSWEPT** D & C Kubler 3-8-12.....**Ebrahim Nader —**
6 (3) **57 MYSTIC MUSIC 127** A Balding 3-8-12.....**Callum Hutchinson 79**
7 (5) 055-3 **SOMETHINGINTHEAIR 6** J Moore 3-8-12.....**John Egan 93**
8 (1) **64 THUNDER GODDESS 140** A Balding 3-8-12.....**Rob Hornby 86**

BETTING: 11-8 Princess Honey Bee, 3 Sterling Fortune, 4 Somethingintheair
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

8.15 TRACK RADIO LIVE HANDICAP (6) 3-Y-O; winner £3,768; 1m (11 runners)

1 5050 **FIZZY BEAR 82**
(4) G Baker 9-9. . . . . **Benoit Sayette 89**
Runs: 4
8-1 for handicap bow latest but dead last, needs to get back on track

2 0-9821 **MY OLD MATE 44 (CD)**
(6) G & J Moore 9-8. . . . . **Billy Loughnane ●99**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £5,389
Well worth winning margin here last time, up 5lb but one to beat again

3 5793 **INGEMAR 12 (H)**
(2) B Meehan 9-7. . . . . **Joe Leavy 92**
Runs: 4 £1,043
Third but never a threat at Sandown, could have more to offer though

4 6-0546 **TORBADOS 20 (B;BF)**
(1) C Hills 9-7 . . . . . **Rob Hornby 87**
Runs: 10 Places: 2 £3,257
Already looking exposed at modest level, backed into jolly last time

5 9-83 **TWILIGHT BABY 22**
(9) G Kelleway 9-6. . . . . **non-runner 90**
Runs: 3 £1,014
Handicap debut, good jockey on now, no shock if finding more, no go

6 0586 **LANDSLIDE 19 (H)**
(10) O Cole 9-6. . . . . **Clifford Lee 92**
Runs: 4
7-1 but never a threat on handicap bow, needs more to get in picture

7 60-623 **KARISMA'S ANGEL 25**
(3) E Walker 9-6 . . . . . **Kieran Shoemark 95**
Runs: 6 Places: 2 £2,333
Better again at Epsom, looks one of biggest threats to favourite, sniff

8 504612 **CRECIENTE 9 (BF)**
(8) B Millman 9-4. . . . . **Oisin Murphy 97**
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £7,072
Went down fighting at Lingfield, champ back on, big threat to jolly

9 559-05 **NEAT AND TIDY 20**
(11) R Hughes 9-4. . . . . **Finley Marsh 85**
Runs: 5 £1,341
Not much better for new yard last time, needs to show plenty more

10 768484 **BENNYWORTH 12**
(7) J Boyle 9-1. . . . . **Tyler Heard 83**
Runs: 10 Places: 1 £2,450
Very little to shout about, has to find something and soon, unlikely

11 00787 **MR JEFFREY 19**
(5) R Cook & J Bridger 8-9 **Ashley Lewis (3) 81**
Runs: 5
Yet to figure even at basement level, would be miracle improvement

BETTING: 2 My Old Mate, 3 Creciente, 6 Karisma's Ange
WHERE FAVES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

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2.30Rhythm Of My Heart	2.30Rhythm Of My Heart
3.00.....Tojoannie	3.00.....Thespian Queen
3.30.....Bollengo Boy	3.30. Hamdani Mokhater
4.00.....Coxy's Star	4.00..Something Coming
4.30.....Celestial Cen	4.30.....Shirakawa
5.00.....Senor Cortez	5.00.....Believeitanducan

■TIC-TAC: R-H Polytrack all-weather course. 1m round with tight turns and a 3f run-in. ■DRAW: No advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Balding 98-618, J Fanshawe 48-290, J Butler 48-470, R Hannon 47-483. THIS SEASON: A Balding 14, J Butler 10. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D Muscutt 92-658, D Probert 73-596, J Mitchell 60-425, L Morris 40-678. THIS SEASON: L Edmunds 10, L Morris 7. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Alkumatic Jo Jo (4.00) & Rock N Roll Pinkie (5.00) trained at Easingwold. Round trip 478 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

2.30 UNIBET/EBF NEWCOMERS' RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (4); 2-y-o; £5,940; 7f. (12 runners)

1 (11) **ALIDOOLALLY** D Menuisier 9-2 ..... **Saffie Osborne**
2 (9) **APRIL'S LUCK** D Cunha 9-2 ..... **Luke Morris**
3 (6) **BLUE VIXEN** A King 9-2 ..... **Luke Catton (3)**
4 (2) **GRETA TINTIN** A Balding 9-2 ..... **David Probert**
5 (7) **HIDDEN BEYOND** C Hills 9-2 ..... **Jason Watson**
6 (12) **NOUVA STELLA** H Eustace 9-2 ..... **George Wood**
7 (4) **SINGING BLUES** T Ward 9-2 ..... **Pierre Jamin**
8 (8) **TIKKA** J Fanshawe 9-2 ..... **Daniel Muscutt**
9 (1) **BLANQUITA** D Cunha 8-13 ..... **Stevie Donohoe**
10 (5) **ISABELLA OF ARAGON** D F Davis 8-13 ..... **Ben Ffrench-Davis (5)**
11 (10) **LADY GLORIANA** R Burdon 8-13 ..... **Sean D Bowen**
12 (3) **RHYTHM OF MY HEART** D Menuisier 8-13 ..... **Sean Levey**

BETTING: 3 Greta Tintin, 4 Hidden Beyond, 11-2 Rhythm Of My Heart, 8 Alidoolally, 10 Nouva Stella, Blue Vixen, 12 Tikka, 14 Blanquita, April's Luck
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 0
2025: Miss Pretty 9-0 Georgia Dobie 9-1 (E Smyth-Osbourne) drawn 11, 12 ran.

3.00 UNIBET/EBF NEWCOMERS' RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,940; 7f. (12 runners)

1 (5) **ALAM RAYAN** M Keady 9-7 ..... **Callum Shepherd**
2 (7) **CELTIC STORM** R Hughes 9-7 ..... **Pat Dobbs**
3 (2) **FIND YOUR FIRE** S Williams 9-7 ..... **Sean Levey**
4 (3) **KIRIL** P Owens 9-7 ..... **Jack Callan**
5 (1) **PLAYFULL WARRIOR** C Cox 9-7 ..... **Georgia Dobie**
6 (12) **STORM FORCE TEN** J Osborne 9-7 ..... **Saffie Osborne**
7 (9) **WITHOUT FAIL** M Bell 9-7 ..... **Ross Coakley**
8 (10) **DREAMED** J Horton 9-4 ..... **Jack Mitchell**
9 (6) **REICHENBACH FALLS** S Williams 9-4 ..... **David Egan**
10 (11) **TREDEGAR SQUARE** J Fanshawe 9-4 ..... **Daniel Muscutt**
11 (4) **THESPIAN QUEEN** E J-Houghton 9-2 ..... **Charles Bishop**
12 (8) **TOJOANNIE (H★)** A Balding 9-2 ..... **David Probert**

BETTING: 3 Tojoannie, 11-2 Thespian Queen, 6 Playfull Warrior, 7 Celtic Storm, 10 Without Fail, Storm Force Ten, 12 Tredegar Square, Find Your Fire
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 5 8
2025: Piscean Star 9-5 Hector Crouch 5-1 (E Dunlop) drawn 4, 10 ran.

3.30 BET 20 GET 20 WITH UNIBET NURSERY (6); 2-y-o; value to the winner £3,140; 1m. (9 runners)

1 (6) 57523 **HAMDANI MOKHATER 19 (B★;BF)** J Horton 9-9 ..... **Harry Vigors (5) 95**
2 (3) 880 **TEN OF CLUBS 32** J Osborne 9-9 ..... **Saffie Osborne 83**
3 (9) 5323 **LUSHILL 6** J Moore 9-8 ..... **Millie Wonnacott (5) 97**
4 (2) 876 **BOLLENGO BOY 14** E J-Houghton 9-7 ..... **Charles Bishop 90**
5 (1) 774 **LADY MIRANDA 18** R Hannon 9-7 ..... **Pat Dobbs 98**
6 (8) 054543 **MAGICAL LIFE 13** J Moore 8-11 ..... **David Egan ●99**
7 (7) 099 **ALLABOUTTHELUNCH 63** E Smyth-Osbourne 8-5 ..... **Georgia Dobie 90**
8 (4) 0085 **EMIRATES EXPRESS 13 (B★)** J Morland 8-5 ..... **Luke Morris 86**
9 (5) 080 **BIG BAD STORM 14 (V★)** I Mohammed & J Santos 8-5 ..... **Sean D Bowen 83**

BETTING: 5-2 Hamdani Mokhater, 5 Magical Life, 6 Lady Miranda, 7 Emirates Express, Bollengo Boy, 8 Lushill, 10 Big Bad Storm, Ten Of Clubs, 20 Allaboutthelunch
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 2 2 1
2025: Isambard Kingdom 9-9 Callum Shepherd 7-4 Fav (C Johnston) drawn 1, 8 ran.

4.00 UNIBET SUPPORTING SAFER GAMBLING HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; winner £4,187; 1m. (14 runners)

1 (6) 76512 **ROI DE COEUR 18 (BF,CD)** M Botti 9-9 ..... **Luke Catton (3) 98**
2 (12) 560-107 **MOJITO 19** R Hannon 9-9 ..... **Sean Levey 90**
3 (9) U3826-2 **SOMETHING COMING 42** P Chapple-Hyam 9-9 ..... **David Probert ●99**
4 (14) 7548 **SANTIAGO BOY 35 (B★)** C Hills 9-9 ..... **Harry Vigors (5) 87**
5 (7) 835-2 **SHADOWMERE 79** G Baker 9-8 ..... **Neil Callan 96**
6 (1) 0524535 **BATTOSAI 12** J Morland 9-7 ..... **Josephine Gordon 94**
7 (5) 4610070 **SEU JO 11 (D)** J Boyle 9-6 ..... **Paddy Bradley 90**
8 (3) 722-06 **BALLYBUNION 10** M Bell 9-6 ..... **Callum Shepherd 88**
9 (8) 0-54 **COXY'S STAR 36** W Muir & C Grassick 9-4 ..... **Lewis Edmunds 95**
10 (11) 1-76325 **BERKSHIRE BOOM 17** A Balding 9-4 ..... **Jason Watson 91**
11 (2) -562657 **ALKUMATIC JO JO 14** I Furtado 9-3 ..... **Jonny Peate 90**
12 (10) -922312 **FALLACIOUS PROMISE 33 (BF,D)** J Butler 9-2 ..... **Luke Morris 97**
13 (4) 654-7 **ATHENA'S WAR 143** S Hodgson 9-1 ..... **Isobelle Chalmers (7) 83**
14 (13) 33999 **MEHMAS ENGINE 42 (H)** L Dace 9-1 ..... **George Wood 86**

BETTING: 3 Fallacious Promise, 11-2 Something Coming, 6 Roi De Coeur, 7 Shadowmere, 8 Coxy's Star, 10 Berkshire Boom, 12 Santiago Boy, Ballybunion
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9 FE 2 6 3
2025: Popeye Doyle 9-5 Cieren Fallon 10-3 (H Palmer) drawn 1, 8 ran.

PRO BETS

EYECATCHER: SUDDEN FLIGHT (7.15 Windsor) ran on strongly over track and trip last time out.

SUPER SPEED: WATEERA (6.45 Windsor) clocked a good time on debut and went well again at Newbury.

GAMBLED ON: MAXIDENT (5.00 Kempton) was backed into favourite on comeback.

4.30 UNIBET 3 UNIBOOSTS A DAY FILLIES' HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,187; 1m 3f. (10 runners)

1 (5) -346255 **KURIOS LADY 51** M Madgwick 4-10-1 ..... **George Wood 93**
2 (7) 353-772 **FLIGHTOFTHEPHOENIX 11** C Hills 4-10-0 ..... **Jason Watson 98**
3 (10) 123-334 **GHOST STORY 27** J Butler 5-10-0 ..... **David Egan 95**
4 (2) 6538-67 **CONNIE MOON 180 (V)** D Coakley 4-9-13 ..... **George Bass 88**
5 (9) 886 **SULLOM VOE 61** D Menuisier 3-9-8 ..... **Saffie Osborne 87**
6 (3) 244 **CELESTIAL CEN 24** A Watson 3-9-8 ..... **Luke Morris 95**
7 (4) 5-60 **ANTIQUARIAN 67** G & J Moore 3-9-7 ..... **Rhys Clutterbuck 85**
8 (8) 6-4443 **HOT SILK 27 (BF)** J Fanshawe 3-9-5 ..... **Harry Vigors (5) 97**
9 (1) 0747112 **SHIRAKAWA 18 (BF)** E J-Houghton 3-9-5 ..... **Charles Bishop ●99**
10 (6) 46-5142 **MOHAAB 44** W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-4 ..... **Lewis Edmunds 93**

BETTING: 4 Hot Silk, 9-2 Shirakawa, 5 Flightofthephoenix, 6 Mohaab
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 6
2025: Miss Wong 3-9-7 Luke Morris 6-1 (D M Simcock) drawn 7, 8 ran.

5.00 UNIBET EXTRA PLACE RACES HANDICAP (4) winner £6,281; 2m (12 runners)

1 /2-111 BELIEVITANDUCAN 44 (D) — (2) A King 5-10-4 ..... **Luke Catton (3)** ●99
Runs: 11 Wins: 4 (S,A,2G) Places: 3 £74,110
Northumberland Vase hero, fancied for G'wood before NR, one to beat

2 3497-V SCOTTISH ANTHEM 24 — (12) S Edmunds 7-10-0 **Millie Wonnacott (5)** 86
Runs: 31 Wins: 2 (2S) Places: 8 £118,847
Fit from jumping but not firing on all cylinders, needs big turnaround

3 /421-2 MAXIDENT 64 (BF) — (3) K De Foy 6-9-13 ..... **David Egan** 93
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (2S) Places: 4 £40,487
Backed at Goodwood in June, solid form, has gone okay on AW, sniff

4 -35711 SENOR CORTEZ 28 (D) — (10) J Butler 5-9-12 ..... **Jack Callan** 97
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (F,3A) Places: 3 £24,692
Wins have come in lesser events but in flying form, beaten here in May

5 -24559 ROCK N ROLL PINKIE 30 (D) — (9) I Furtado 6-9-11 ..... **Sean D Bowen** 84
Runs: 35 Wins: 6 (S,F,3GS,G) Places: 5 £71,506
Form has fallen off a cliff, hard to be confident, best watched again

6 20/967 PREMIERE LIGNE 44 — (1) H Morrison 7-9-10 ..... **Daniel Muscutt** 91
Runs: 23 Wins: 3 (2GS,G) Places: 7 £65,253
Better than his 80-1 odds at Newcastle, still needs more, worse shouts

7 245-35 DOUBLE MEANING 58 (BF,D) — (8) J Berry 4-9-8 ..... **Saffie Osborne** 94
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 2 £24,470
Below par when backed at Sandown last time, can get amongst it

8 /18222 KNIGHT TEMPLAR 17 (CD) — (1) R Stephens 5-9-7 ..... **David Probert** 96
Runs: 16 Wins: 4 (S,2A,GS) Places: 5 £29,763
Rock solid of late, still 4lb above last win though, booked for places

9 269893 BARENBOIM 33 (CD) — (5) T Dascombe 8-9-7 ..... **Pierre Jamin** 93
Runs: 46 Wins: 6 (6A) Places: 13 £105,534
Big step up here last time at 66-1, same mark, needs to back it up now

10 3032-4 KINGDOM OF STARS 58 (CD) — (4) K Lee 5-9-5 ..... **Charles Bishop** 89
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £17,181
Went well here before for old yard, stuffed at Chester in June, risky

11 72-24 KILLER WHALE 65 — (7) A Balding 3-8-8 ..... **Jason Watson** 87
Runs: 4 Places: 1 £9,104
Too keen last time, top yard in good form but not obvious player, risky

12 143222 DESERT BELLE 5 (BF) — (6) Sir M Prescott 3-8-2 ..... **Luke Morris** 94
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 5 £14,899
Given average ride here last time, player from featherweight, e-way

BETTING: 3 Believitanducan, 9-2 Senor Cortez, 5 Desert Belle
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Synergism 3-8-11, L Morris 5-6 Fav (M Prescott), drw 5, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

BELIEVITANDUCAN (9-6) 10-3 handy, ran on, bt Haveyoumissedme (8-10) 1l **PREMIERE LIGNE** (9-1) 80-1 midfield, tired, 7th (btn 4l) (20 ran) (Newcastle 2m hcap (2) £38,655 AW).
ROCK N ROLL PINKIE (9-1) 13-2 rear, on nod, bt Artisan Dancer (9-4) ns (10 ran) (York 2m hcap (3) £15,462 good).
MAXIDENT (9-3) 2-1 fav led, kept on, 5l by In The Breeze (9-8) (6 ran) (Goodwood 2m hcap (3) £10,468 soft).
SENOR CORTEZ (9-11) 7-4 fav prominent, always doing enough, bt Mister Daydream (8-7) 1l (9 ran) (Lingfield 1m 5f hcap (5) £4,187 AW).
ROCK N ROLL PINKIE (9-11) 7-1 rear, last of 9 (well btn) to Cruden (9-7) (York 2m hcap (4) £12,885 good).
DOUBLE MEANING (9-2) 15-8 fav handy, kept on, 5th of 9 (3¾/4l) to Squire Danagher (9-8) (Sandown 1¾/4m hcap (4) £6,281 good).
KNIGHT TEMPLAR (9-6) 12-1 rear, held final furlong, kept on, btn 1¼/4l by Personal Best (9-9) (6 ran) (Sandown 1¾/4m hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
KINGDOM OF STARS (9-4) 33-1 midfield, stayed on final furlong, 4th of 9 (12l) to Fox Journey (9-6)
BARENBOIM (9-5) 50-1 held up, tailed off, last (well btn) (Chester 2m hcap (4) £7,731 good to soft).
KILLER WHALE (8-5) 14-1 chased leader, no threat, 4th of 6 (btn 7¾/4l) to Any Which Way (8-4) (Doncaster 1¾/4m hcap (2) £25,770 good to firm).
DESERT BELLE (9-2) 5-4 fav mid-division, headed inside final furlong, btn 1l by Captain Robert (9-12) (8 ran) (Kempton 2m hcap (5) £4,187 AW).

RACING RESULTS

DEAUVILLE
Going: Good to soft

1.31: 1 KALIMAAT P C Boudot (11-4 jtfav); **2 Divina Fe** (11-4 jtfav); **3 Impa** (5-1). 11 ran. 2¹/₂l; 1l. A&L Fabre. CF: €11.61. NR: Comedy Cen.

2.15: 1 HALF HALF C Demuro (9-1); **2 Big Log** (12-1); **3 Saint Eligius** (20-1); **4 Calas** (4-1 fav). 20 ran. nk; ¹/₂l; ³/₄l. D Smaga. Tricast: €2229.12. CF: €108.42.

3.05: 1 DISTANT STORM B Loughnane (4-6 fav); **2 Grand Son Of Dark** (12-1); **3 Segall** (33-1). 12 ran. 1l; 3¹/₂l. C Appleby (UK) . CF: €10.10.

3.40: 1 SAMANGAN M Barzalona (8-1); **2 Division** (4-1); **3 Stolen Kiss** (7-2). 11 ran (True Love 2-1 fav). hd; hd. F Graffard. Tricast: €135.81. CF: €38.58. NR: My Calyx Cen.

4.15: 1 SHIRI M Barzalona (10-1); **2 Washington Heights** (9-1); **3 Zzodiac** (15-2). 13 ran (Regional 15-8 fav). 2l; hd. F Graffard. CF: €100.86.

CURRAGH
Going: Good to firm-good in places

1.15: 1 PUSH THE BOAT OUT C T Keane (16-1); **2 Marco Polo** (14-1); **3 New Bond Street** (3-1); **4 Atlantic Bridge** (7-1). 19 ran (Snowing 7-4 fav). 1¹/₄l; 3¹/₄l; nk. M O'Callaghan. T: €21.10; €5, €6, €1.40. Ex: €414.60. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €234.76.

1.45: 1 IBELIEVEICANFLY R L Moore (13-8 fav); **2 Speckles** (11-2); **3 Exceptionally** (8-1). 14 ran. 5l; ¹/₂l. A P O'Brien. T: €2.63; €1.30, €2.10, €2.10. Ex: €12.50. Trifecta: €65.80. CF: €11.70. NR: Alpine Wedding, Big Bessy, Miss Hong Kong, Sword Of State.

2.15: 1 SHAKESPEARE R L Moore (8-15 fav); **2 Benown** (33-1); **3 Loughrea N Roll** (16-1). 11 ran. 1¹/₂l; 1¹/₂l. A P O'Brien. T: €1.54; €1.10, €6.50, €2.70. Ex: €31.70. Trifecta: €322. CF: €37.81. NR: Ocean Surge, Selosse.

2.50: 1 ROSIE FRITH C T Keane (11-2); **2 Genesis** (4-1 fav); **3 Cuban Grey** (12-1). 12 ran. ³/₄l; nk. P Magee. T: €7; €1.80, €1.90, €3.90. Ex: €40.20. Trifecta: €273.63. Trifecta: €463. CF: €30. NR: Gazelle D'or, Ipanema Queen.

3.25: 1 BIG MOJO T Marquand (5-4 fav); **2 Bucanero Fuerte** (4-1); **3 James's Delight** (4-1). 5 ran. 1¹/₄l; ¹/₂l. M Appleby (UK) . T: €2.25; €1.10, €2.50. Ex: €6.80. Trifecta: €23.70. CF: €6.76.

4.00: 1 SUN GODDESS R L Moore (5-4 fav); **2 Folsom Blues** (15-2); **3 Velozee** (11-1). 8 ran. 1¹/₄l; ¹/₂l. A P O'Brien. T: €2.25; €1.10, €1.80, €2.20. Ex: €10.80. Tricast: €73.53. Trifecta: €55.10. CF: €11.27.

4.35: 1 MINT MAN C D Hayes (5-1); **2 Hugo's Girl** (9-2); **3 Nouvel Espoir** (14-1). 14 ran (Go Athletico 10-3 fav). ¹/₂l; shd. P J F Murphy. T: €6; €1.90, €2, €3.30. Ex: €32.90. Tricast: €326.04. Trifecta: €325. CF: €29.49. NR: Jon Riggens.

5.10: 1 KALIR C D Hayes (6-1); **2 Final Voyage** (33-1); **3 No More Porter** (11-2). 10 ran (Summer Island 10-3 jtfav, Marmeladova 10-3 jtfav). ¹/₂l; 1¹/₄l. D K Weld. T: €7; €2.20, €5.60, €2. Ex: €187.50. Tricast: €871.76. Trifecta: €2475.80. CF: €192.82. NR: Glory To Be, Playin Cool.

PLACEPOT: €42.80

DOWNPATRICK
Going: Good

1.58: 1 SHODA A J Slevin (4-5 fav); **2 Searcog** (9-2); **3 Santa Paula** (9-1). 7 ran. 4¹/₂l; 11l. J P O'Brien. T: €1.80; €1.10, €1.80. Ex: €4.50. Trif: €17.20. CF: €5.05.

2.33: 1 MALBAY MADNESS P J O'Hanlon (2-1); **2 Shinnhill** (16-1); **3 Chanceawetmorning** (4-5 fav). 5 ran. 2¹/₂l; 5l. D McLoughlin. T: €3; €1.20, €4.90. Ex: €28.60. Trif: €33.80. CF: €25.08. NR: Cap Bernat, Cosmos D'ainay.

3.08: 1 PARKGARVE P J O'Hanlon (9-2); **2 Granlahan** (7-1); **3 Kalsman** (18-1). 9 ran (Tropical Twist 3-1 fav). 12l; 6l. Ian Donoghue. T: €5.50; €1.50, €2.80, €4.60. Ex: €39.20. Tric: €526.30. Trif: €575.70. CF: €37.42. NR: Augusta George, Barrogstown Girl.

3.43: 1 GAMBSTER GRANNY S W Flanagan (6-1); **2 Theflyingbee** (15-2); **3 Cobra Queen** (6-1). 10 ran (Samba Train 3-1 fav). 6l; ¹/₂l. C A McBratney. T: €7; €2.30, €2.50, €2.40. Ex: €38.10. Tricast: €289.19. Trifecta: €116.40. CF: €53.10. NR: Shannon Bank, Steps In The Sand.

4.18: 1 MAGICAL SAL J J Slevin (4-1); **2 Thesilverbridle** (5-4 fav); **3 Young Doran** (4-1). 7 ran. ¹/₂l; 4³/₄l. C A McBratney. T: €5; €1.70, €1.30. Ex: €10.30. Trifecta: €26.30. CF: €10.08. NR: I Can Find Em, Oops A Daisy.

4.53: 1 SNEDDY EDDIE J W Kennedy (7-1); **2 My Good Pal** (9-1); **3 Bob The Builder** (15-2). 10 ran (Hay Baby 7-2 jtfav, Georgia Celena 7-2 jtfav). 1¹/₂l; 3¹/₄l. G Elliott. T: €8.80; €2.20, €2.40, €2.60. Ex: €63.60. Tricast: €498.79. Trifecta: €738. CF: €71.89. NR: Ocean Of Dreams.

5.28: 1 MARTYMILL Miss A B O'Connor (15-8); **2 Culldoo** (13-8 fav); **3 Loves A Laugh** (7-2). 6 ran. 11l; 14l. A McCann. T: €2.88; €1.50, €1.10. Ex: €6.30. Trifecta: €16. CF: €5.60.

PLACEPOT: €157

CHEPSTOW
Going: Good to firm

2.06: 1 ARNAZ Hope Regan (9-1); **2 Marisitta** (11-2); **3 Some Nightmare** (13-2). 7 ran (Sundiata Keita 7-2 jtfav, Be An Angel 7-2 jtfav). 2¹/₄l; 1¹/₂l. M Loughnane. T: £10.60; £3.40, £3.80. Ex: £61.40. Tricast: £296.10. Trifecta: £314.80. CF: £50.90. NR: Outer Edge. Outer Edge| R4 applies to All Bets, 5p in the £.

2.41: 1 DREAMS GALORE F Marsh (5-1); **2 Crystal Kraken** (11-4 fav); **3 Chianti** (10-3). 8 ran. 2l; 2¹/₄l. Ollie Sangster. T: £6; £1.70, £1.50, £1.50. Ex: £20. Tricast: £52.44. Trifecta: £54.40. CF: £19.57.

3.16: 1 EASTERN QUEEN D J Murphy (11-4); **2 Global Success** (5-4 fav); **3 Bahia Bonita** (15-2). 9 ran. shd; ¹/₂l. John O'Donoghue (IRE) . T: £3.75; £1.20, £1.10, £2. Ex: £7.10. Trifecta: £30.30. CF: £6.51. NR: Leading Raya.

3.51: 1 KEN BRULEE Rose Dawes (11-2); **2 My Mate Mackley** (4-1); **3 Go Victor** (7-4 fav). **3 Geemann** (9-1). 8 ran. ³/₄l; 1l, dht. M Usher. T: Ken Brulee £6.50; Ken Brulee £1.70, My Mate Mackley £1.60, Geemann £1.30. Ex: Ken Brulee, My Mate Mackley £34.80. Tricast: Ken Brulee, My Mate Mackley, Go Victor £27.36, Ken Brulee, My Mate Mackley, Geemann £99.44. Trifecta: Ken Brulee, My Mate Mackley, Go Victor £62.50, Ken Brulee, My Mate Mackley, Geemann £113. CF: Ken Brulee, My Mate Mackley £28.76.

4.26: 1 REDHOT WHISPER F Marsh (7-1); **2 The Bureau Club** (22-1); **3 Too Much Trevor** (14-1). 12 ran (Desert Charm 9-4 fav). shd; 3¹/₄l. A Wintle. T: £8; £2.20, £7.80, £3.90. Ex: £227.80. Tricast: £2149.42. Trifecta: £3477.30. CF: £158.96. NR: Knightmare.

5.01: 1 CRIMSON ROAD W Carson (6-5 fav); **2 Stipulation** (13-2); **3 Symphony's Song** (10-3). 6 ran. 1¹/₂l; 2l. J & R Flint. T: £2.20; £1.20, £3.20. Ex: £8.90. Trifecta: £29.60. CF: £9.58.

PPOT: £176.90 **QPOT:** £14.10

LEICESTER
Going: Good to firm

2.24: 1 JIMTROTT C Bishop (7-2); **2 Al Wathba** (2-11 fav); **3 Ebt's Warrior** (25-1). 3 ran. ¹/₂l; 8l. E J-Houghton. T: £4.50; Ex: £4.70. Trifecta: £3.90. CF: £5.04.

2.59: 1 KATIE'S CAVALIER S De Sousa (17-2); **2 Love Rome** (2-1 fav); **3 Greek Symphony** (9-4). 6 ran. nk; ¹/₂l. D Loughnane. T: £9.50; £3.10, £1.60. Ex: £31.70. Trifecta: £110.50. CF: £26.38.

3.34: 1 ROBUSTO Harry Vigors (13-2); **2 Mountbatten** (9-2); **3 Barak Warrior** (6-4 fav). 6 ran. 2¹/₄l; 5l. E J-Houghton. T: £7.50; £2.50, £2.20. Ex: £30.20. Trifecta: £110. CF: £34.68.

4.09: 1 TAMZAN R Hornby (2-1 fav); **2 Venetian Sky** (4-1); **3 Kaori** (13-2). 5 ran. ³/₄l; 1¹/₄l. M Tregoning. T: £3; £1.70, £2.20. Ex: £11.90. Trifecta: £45.80. CF: £10.42.

4.44: 1 RAY MON DOUGH H Crouch (13-8); **2 Sea Cookie** (11-8 fav); **3 Evening Blues** (3-1). 4 ran. 4³/₄l; 2¹/₂l. Oliver Cole. T: £2.63; Ex: £3.90. Trifecta: £5.20. CF: £4.26. NR: Art Lover, Percy's Star.

5.19: 1 RICARDO PHILLIPS N Currie (6-4 fav); **2 Pisanello** (4-1); **3 Read All About It** (10-1). 6 ran. 2¹/₂l; nk. H Candy. T: £2.50; £1.30, £2.20. Ex: £8.80. Trifecta: £56.50. CF: £7.54.

JACKPOT: Not won, £10,366.73 carried.
PPOT: £629.30 **QPOT:** £44.60

DOG TIPS AND RETURNS

SELECTIONS

■**DUNSTALL PARK: 11.01 Tonagha Conway (5-3-4) 11.18 Knock Voodoo (6-3-2) 11.34 Taffy Gwenllian (2-4-1) 11.52 Bombay Tilda (nap) (5-2-6) 12.09 Tori Black (4-2-1) 12.26 Tea And Toast (6-1-2) 12.42 Pharis Pearl (2-6-3) 12.59 Fast Walk (5-4-3) 1.17 Mr Fraser (2-3-1) 1.33 Swift Hunt (nb) (4-2-1) 1.51 Rude Elsie (4-5-6) 2.07 Edial Miracle (3-2-6)**

■**ROMFORD: 11.09 Roanna General (5-2-4) 11.27 Tullymurry Bing (2-6-3) 11.43 Kingdom Monty (3-2-4) 12.01 Andys Dream (5-1-2) 12.18 Stormy Pat (5-6-2) 12.34 Public Reaction (nap) (2-3-6) 12.51 Surely Mad (5-1-6) 1.08 Lightfoot Jamie (nb) (1-4-2) 1.26 Ritzy Rosie (2-5-3) 1.42 Yahoo Aoife (4-1-2) 1.59 Trinity Bella (6-4-1) 2.14 Links Viper (2-1-3)**

■**MONMORE: 2.23 Aero Cindy (1-5-2) 2.41 Pas Daly (1-3-2) 3.01 Betrayl (5-4-1) 3.19 Dromano Echo (1-4-6) 3.38 Sugar Sherbut (2-6-3) 3.57 Good Bobcat (4-5-2) 4.16 Vixons Mission (3-4-5) 4.34 Droopys Vanity (nap) (6-3-4) 4.53 Vixons Opaque (nb) (1-2-4) 5.12 Speedy Dog (5-3-4) 5.31 My Premiercounty (6-4-2) 5.49 Winterfield Dot (4-1-6)**

■**SUNDERLAND: 2.29 Dream And Do (5-6-1) 2.48 As Mo Bhealach (4-2-1) 3.07 Extended Dreams (2-3-6) 3.26 Black Rikka (1-5-3) 3.44 Jacktavern Nicky (6-3-4) 4.03 Dairyland Maeve (nap) (2-4-5) 4.22 People Watching (2-4-3) 4.41 Kerryroad Millie (6-5-1) 4.59 Fluke (4-3-2) 5.18 Gambrinus Uno (3-1-6) 5.37 Fruity Pebbles (nb) (1-5-3) 5.56 Lynnia Ranger (2-3-5)**

RETURNS

■**SUNDERLAND: 11.09 Rein Back 7-2 (5-2-3 BAGS F £21.05). 11.27 Willows Hope 9-1 (4-6-1 £34.17). 11.43 Amber Dollar 3-1 (3-4-1 £14.38 TC £36.04). 12.01 Speedy Rita 11-4 (6-1-4 £17.46). 12.18 Southwood Kitty 11-4 (3-4-6 £15.01). 12.34 Chanceme Richi 2-1 (5-2-6 £9.70). 12.51 Sunnyside Fergie 9-4f (5-2-3 £11.54 TC £42.54). 1.08 Burnpark Pheonix 6-1 (5-1-3 £63.65 TC £140.51). 1.26 Thors Hope 7-2 (6-4-5 £14.95). 1.42 Allowdale Yuno 7-1 (4-1-3 £39.42). 1.59 Strike It Hannah 5-6f (5-3-1 £12.09). 2.14 Da Auld Field 5-1 (5-6-1 £32.25 TC £80.18).**

■**YARMOUTH: 11.01 Seeyouatlake 5-1 (1-2-4 BAGS F £16.92). 11.18 Crover Hill 8-1 (6-5-4 £30.43). 11.34 My Kneecap 7-1 (1-3-2 £68.01). 11.52 Churchfield Max 6-4f (1-3-5 £7.82). 12.09 Swift Illinois 7-4 (3-5-1 £3.91). 12.26 Isla Bonita 11-4 (6-4-2 £14.75). 12.42 Cape Bridge 11-10f (1-5-6 £6.89). 12.59 Check Out 9-2 (5-1-2 £56.74 TC £110.58). 1.17 Only The Third 11-8f (4-5-1 £6.64). 1.33 Lissome Lilly 11-4 (4-3-5 £21.07). 1.51 Murrow Toaster 7-2 (1-6-5 £17.91). 2.07 Diva Luna 13-8jt (3-2-1 £9.21).**

■**TOWCESTER: 2.36 Makeit Valentino 3-1 (1-2-3 BAGS F £19.13). 2.54 Glenvale Covey 9-1 (3-2-1 £24.99). 3.13 Salacres Luigi 5-1 and Frankton Poppy 6-5f DH 1st (3-6-4 £8.30, 3-6-4 £8.30). 3.32 Fabulous Aria 6-4f (4-5-2 £5.87 TC £7.22). 3.51 Plaza Bruno 2-1f (4-1-3 £10.12 TC £31.44). 4.09 Duffin Dermy 13-8jt (2-6-3 £26.37 TC £48.24). 4.28 Sals Matilda 6-1 (4-1-3 £23.00 TC £47.54). 4.47 Contempt 7-1 (1-2-4 £25.65 TC £108.82). 5.06 Southfield Hugo 13-8 (5-2-1 £3.07).**

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